1972

ANNUAL

TRANSIT TOWN

REPORT

GAWAM

FOREWORD

In this the report of the Town of Agawam for 1972, your report committee recognizes the most important change that has taken place in the history of our Town Government in the 117 years since its incorporation in 1855.

As of January first 1973 we graduated from Town Meeting–Selectman form of governent to Town Manager–Council government. A giant step for our town.

In this report, we will present by picture and words some of the story of how we grew and achieved our goals down through the years.

Your Town Report Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the combined efforts of all who helped to gather and shape the contents of this report.

Geraldine Schilling
Elizabeth B. Pond
Muriel Meunier
Henry W. Lawson
Louis D. Draghetti

The layout and art work for our cover was done by Miss Geraldine Schilling, art teacher at Agawam High School.

Agawam Printing Company, Inc.

JAMES D. WESTMAN
Town Manager

Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

Town Council — Monday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.
School Committee — Second and Fourth Tuesday of Month, 7:30 P.M.
Board of Assessors — Monday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL	786-0400
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	734-8045
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	732-7589
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	786-3152
POLICE DEPARTMENT	786-4767
FIRE DEPARTMENT	786-1241

Elected Town Officers

MODERATOR
John J. Shea

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH
Edward W. Connelly — Joseph M. Faucette — Roy E. Benjamin

TOWN CLERK
Edward A. Caba

TOWN TREASURER
David C. Gallano

TOWN COLLECTOR
Irving R. LaFleur

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Joseph Napolitan	Walter A. Balboni	Jerry Ralph Sibilia
Joseph L. Pisano	Thomas J. Ennis	Venetta L. Snyder
Roberta G. Doering	Frank R. Locke	Richard F. Borgatti
Arthur Zavarella		Donald J. Charest

*Due to government transition elections all of the above School Committeemen served in office in 1972.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Frederick A. Drew — Rodolfo Altobelli — Raymond Saracino

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sylvia R. Deliso	David G. Kunasek	Priscilla Andrews
Alda Bedard	Beverly J. Malone	Harriett S. Keogh

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Alfred Fontana, Jr. — Charles J. Knudson — James A. Cressotti

TRUSTEES OF THE WHITING STREET FUND
Gertrude M. Loncto — Augusta L. Donatini

TREE WARDEN
Elmer Cascio

PLANNING BOARD

Albert Christopher	Charles R. Calabrese	Albert J. Bonavita
Paul M. Fieldstad	John T. Burns	Chester J. Nicora, Jr.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Roland J. Roberts	Pamela D. Jones	Thomas W. Branchini
Peter J. Ronchi	Nicholas DePalma	Lawrence A. Scherpa

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Alfred J. St. John — Richard J. Dudek — Raymond E. Charest
Daniel DiDonato
Frank Chriscola, Jr. — State Appointee

OUR TOWN COUNCIL — CONGRATULATIONS!

Members of the town's first Town Council assumed their full duties as of January 1, 1973. Front row: Francis Colli, Joseph Lovotti, Cecelia Harrington, Jane Gallerani, Paul Fieldstad, Richard Theroux, Rev. Benjamin Lockhart. Rear row: Arthur Kerr, Joseph Faucette, Rodney Blakesley, Laurence Andrews, Louis DePalma, Fred Nardi, Council President Julio Alvigini and Kenneth Barnes.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN — MANY THANKS!

The last meeting of the Board of Selectmen brought out a number of former Selectmen who were on hand to see the end of the old system of Town Government which had been in existence since the founding of the town. Shown here left to right, standing are Raymond Charest, Irving LeFleur, Joseph DellaGiustina, Fred Nardi, James P. Kane, Henry L. McGowan, George Reynolds, Andrew C. Gallano, seated are Agawam's last Board of Selectmen, Edward W. Connelly, Chairman Joseph Faucette, and Roy Benjamin, who was the youngest man ever elected to the board.

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Marjorie L. Santinello

CHIEF OF POLICE
R. Kenneth Grady

SAFETY OFFICER
Stanley Chmielewski

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
Harry W. Schneider

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Donald J. Campbell

TOWN ENGINEER
John Stone

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Louis D. Draghetti

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE
John J. McCarthy

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT
Dr. R. Francis Milici

ASST. GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
Dominick Ricco

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Joseph Conte

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
George Draghetti

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
Alfred Gallerani

TOWN COUNSEL
Jay A. Posnik

TOWN PROSECUTOR
Victor E. Govoni

DOG OFFICER
Claire Campbell

DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL ON AGING
Patricia Auth

DIRECTOR OF SPAN CENTER
John Brown

CIVIL DEFENSE
Arthur Zavarella — Director
Albert M. Jackson, Deputy

SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR
Clark Jones

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS
John Kunasek

Appointed Town Officers

BOARD OF APPEALS

Members	Alternates
Joseph P. McMahon, Jr.	Jerry L. Zerra
Theodore A. Progulske, Jr.	Marcel A. Bedard
John J. Juliano	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Leslie J. Moore — Phyllis Mason — Richard J. Rieker
Edward A. Caba (Clerk)

PERSONNEL BOARD

Anthony Nacewicz — Personnel Dir.	Carol Taylor
Roberta Doering	John Shaughnessy
James E. Griffin	Sylvia Deliso
John Sliech	Ronald Wortelboer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Anthony Ayres	Mary Manning	Rodney Blakesley
Ruth Zucco	Julian Waniewski	Norman McMahon
Edmund Coffey	Francis Colli	John H. Mikszewski

DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Anthony Egnatowich	David C. Gallano	David M. Marshall
Carlo Bonavita	Santo Canarella	Edward W. Schmidt
	Frank Chriscola, Jr.	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Farrington	Henry A. Kozloski	Katherine Vergnani
George Fleming	Jeffrey Reynolds	Cynthia Wortelboer
	Raymond L. Jones	

COUNCIL FOR AGING

Roy E. Benjamin, Chr. Board of Health	Andrew C. Gallano
Frank Chriscola, Jr., Chr. Housing Authority	Rev. Albert J. Blanchard
Claire Niemiec	Jacqueline C. Fenton
Edith Larsen	

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Anthony Egnatowich	Laurance R. Andrews	Thomas H. Themisto
Lesslie W. Smith		Ruth Zucco

CEMETERY STUDY COMMITTEE

Roy M. Sullivan — Richard Taylor — Judson Hastings

YOUTH COMMISSION

Lawrence A. Scherpa	Theodore Quesnette	Richard Soderman
Roger Schmidt	Jane Gallerani	Alan Collins

CONSUMERS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

Lucy S. Gaunt	Paul Placzek	Dr. R. Francis Milici
Stella Gallerani		Louis D. Draghetti

Town Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1971 Census — 22,455

UNITED STATES SENATORS

EDWARD W. BROOKE of Boston
EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

First Congressional District
SILVO O. CONTE of Pittsfield

COUNCILOR

Eighth District
EDWARD M. O'BRIEN of Easthampton
10 Dragon Circle

STATE SENATOR

Hampden, Berkshire District
ALAN D. SISITSKY of Springfield
54 Draper Street

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

Ninth Hampden District
EDWARD W. CONNELLY of Agawam
565 River Road

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Regular Town Election: The first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd numbered year.

Preliminary election for the purpose of nominating candidates: The fourth Tuesday, preceding every regular town election.

Historical Dates and Events

The town occupies an area of 22 square miles which at one time formed a part of the original town of Springfield and subsequently of the town of West Springfield. The early history of Agawam therefore is influenced by the history of these two towns.

In 1695, West Springfield (including Agawam) had a population of 200 persons representing 32 families and because of the dangers of crossing the river, they petitioned the General Court for the privilege of settling a minister which was granted.

April 1707 saw the land on the west side of the river being divided into plots of 10 acres each and assigned to all males of 21 years or over. There were 73 eligibles and among these appear the following family names: Leonard, Sykes, Ferry, Ball, Cooper, Fowler, Worthington and Bodurtha.

West Springfield was incorporated as a town on February 23, 1774 at the request of Springfield and Agawam automatically became the second parish of West Springfield thus being taken away as a part of Springfield.

In 1800, Agawam was divided by an act of the legislature creating a new Agawam Parish (the inward commons) and Feeding Hills (the outward commons) nearly the whole Parish above the meadows being occupied by Springfield inhabitants as pasture land, hence the name Feeding Hills.

In 1801, E. Porter established a peppermint distillery on what is now Main Street near River Road. Later potato whiskey was made there followed by cider, brandy and rye gin. The latter under the name of Agawam Gin became a nationally known product.

In 1812 a small "fulling" mill was in operation in Agawam Center. Looms were installed later which marked the start of the woolen industry in the town and for many years its leading industry.

The sections of the town that were later to become the Town of Agawam contained 3246 inhabitants in 1826.

On May 17, 1855 the Legislature passed an act creating Agawam as a town by itself.

The first Town Meeting was called for June 20, 1855 to be held in the meeting house of the Methodist Church. This meeting was adjourned for one week. The second meeting however was held at the School House Hall in Feeding Hills on August 25th. Subsequent annual meetings were held in the hall above Bodurtha's store on Main Street.

The year 1874 saw a combination Town Hall and School House built in each parish. A few citizens can remember these buildings as standing where the present Phelps School in Agawam Center and the Granger School in Feeding Hills are now located.

In the earlier days of the Town, four selectmen were elected by Town Meeting vote to hold office for two years at a time so there would be two experienced men on the Board at all times. The early Selectmen served also as Road Superintendents, Assessors and overseers of the poor. The Town Clerk and Treasurer in those days kept all the Town Records in his home as no Town Hall was available. The TaxCollector received a percentage of the taxes collected as his pay and his office was in his home also.

For many years any citizen could attend and vote at Town Meetings but this became so cumbersome that in 1955 the Representative form of Town Meeting was adopted and thirty members from each of six precincts were elected and only these 180 people could vote at Town Meetings.

Town History Book Committee

The slow tedious task of accumulating research material is nearly complete. Presently, pictures are being reviewed and hopefully, many will be used in the book.

Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, author, has the first draft of several chapters written.

The books discovered in the town vault in December, 1971 are now at the bookbinders and should be ready shortly. These will be used as sources of completing the research process.

Members of the Committee include: Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, Mrs. Harold Benson, Mrs. William Keogh, Mr. David Gallano, Mr. Richard John Curry and Mrs. Richard Curry, Chairman.

Delivering the Mail

Monroe Hayward R.F.D. Carrier — 1903.

Town of Agawam — 1855

Our Bridges

Wire Ferry across Connecticut River near mouth of Agawam River — about 1840.

In 1845 the bridge across the Agawam River by the Exposition grounds and here pictured by an unknown artist was built by Isaac Damon of Northampton. It lived an eventful life, was damaged by floods, struck by lightning and in 1881 was the scene of a murder. In 1899 it caught fire from one of the oil lamps used in lightning it and was entirely burned. It was replaced by an iron bridge which was strong enough to carry trolley cars into Agawam for the first time.

South End Bridge in process of being raised — 1903.

Industry

MANUFACTURING

Agawam Woolen Mill, Mill Street — 1903.

RETAIL

Kellogg's Store, Feeding Hills — 1900.

Street Scene

Main Street north of Meadow Street — 1908.

Transportation

Trolley Car on Bridge Street — 1903.

Board of Selectmen

The last Board of Selectmen in the Town of Agawam prior to institution of the new form of Council-Manager government, concerned itself for the greatest part of 1972 in providing smooth transition and definite phase out.

Municipal labor contracts and departmental budgets were transferred to the Town Manager for implementation and Council consideration as of January 1, 1973.

Probably the most important concern of the board had to do with the stages of construction of the new sewer complex which will service Feeding Hills Center, provide additional service to other sections of the town and finally enable the industrial tract to become a viable reality. With close watch over engineering and construction progress ,the board did provide sewage facility thereby enabling the new school in Feeding Hills Center to open their doors on schedule.

Finally, while all weekly transactions were carried out to the best interest of the community, the Bureau of Accounts received the call to audit the transition financially and the town entered a new phase of government procedure without missing a beat.

The Board of Selectmen sincerely hope of the best for Agawam for the "Agawam" form is a first of Massachusetts and a complete example for the other communities in the Commonwealth who now know that up-dating obsolete, antiquated, out-grown governments is a necessity for fiscal survival.

Edward W. Connelly, Clerk, Board of Selectmen

During the past year, the Town of Agawam has progressed in many vital areas of civic concern, yet, this is not an unknown phenomenon for our community. Our town has progressed over the last several decades and will continue to move forward in the future.

We, on this last Board of Selectmen, wish to note here the contributions made by the many elected and appointed officials, town meeting members, and those who served on the appointed committees. These individuals are to numerous to mention by name but are not too numerous to be forgotten and to express to them the town's sincere appreciation.

As we reflect on the past town meeting form of government, we cannot ignore the future of our new city form of government. The same type of people will step forward with the same dedication and sense of purpose that distinguished those previously mentioned, to insure that the communities needs will be met and to guarantee that we will continue to have a voice in our government.

There will be many formidable tasks that will face the City of Agawam. However, if we are flexible and join in a cooperative effort, these tasks will not be insurmountable and the change in our government will mark another step forward for the people of our comunity.

Roy E. Benjamin, Selectman

As a former member of the Board of Selectmen, I wish to thank everyone who contributed their time, and efforts in behalf of the Town of Agawam, Mass.

With the change in government, Agawam passes the threshold and enters into a new era. Those many years of selectmen and town meeting members have governed Agawam from a small rural community to a maturing and expanding suburb. Many problems will face Agawam with its growth in population; the need of expanding utilities, services, and schools will be constant. The directions, the opinions, the ideas that will be expressed in council meetings will determine the future of Agawam.

The people of Agawam have proven in the past their deep interest in their community. The citizens have the most important role in directing the development of their town. Their concern, their participation and their wishes cannot be left at the threshold of the new government. Government is more than just a business, it has a heart, it is made up of people.

With this philosophy and with the people of Agawam, I endeavor to participate in the future of Agawam.

Joseph M. Faucette

Town Accountant

I herewith present my annual report for the year 1972 in accordance with Section 61 of Chapter 41 of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, for the year ending December 31st, 1972, showing in detail the receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities.

In accordance with Section 57, Chapter 41, of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, you will find a detailed report of the town debt which amounts to $7,050,000.00. outstanding as of December 31, 1972. Principal due and payable during the new year, 1973–1974 — $995,000.00, and Interest total of $483,762.50.

Also included in this annual report is a breakdown showing all transfers approved by the Finance Committee from the Reserve Fund.

All necessary figures as required by law have been filed with the proper agencies and departments of both the state and town as of January 31st, 1973.

HISTORICAL FACTS

The position of Town Accountant was adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws by Article No. 12 at the annual town meeting voted on March 4th, 1950.

The first Town Accountant appointed by the Board of Selectmen under this adoption of the law was Miss Frances M. Pedulla. At the time of her appointment she was Secretary to the Selectmen and also the keeper of the town books. She held the position as Town Accountant until she retired.

On February 14th, 1964, I (Mrs. Marjorie L. Santinello) was appointed Town Accountant by the Board of Selectmen and still serve in that capacity. However, at press time for the 1972 Annual Report will also be in retirement status. This ends the period of appointment by the Board of Selectmen and under our new charter the Town Accountant will be appointed by the Town Council.

Miss Carol J. Taylor, Administrative Assistant to the Town Accountant, has been appointed by the Town Council to take office as of February 1st, 1973.

With the adoption of Chapter 41, Section 55 of the General Laws in 1950, this office is comparatively young.

Due to the rapid growth of the town during these twenty-two years the position has become an awesome one and under Chapter 41 of the General Laws the duties cover Sections 53 through 61. The responsibility of making final certification of new school buildings and additions to the School Building Assistant Bureau, Department of Education in Boston has been added to these duties. Prior to 1967 the Town Treasurer was the official responsible for these final certifications. It is necessary to make prompt certification to the Commonwealth in order to receive monies due from them for these projects. It entails many hours of work and special record keeping to fulfill these obligations alone. At the time it was turned over to the Town Accountant it was necessary to compile four (4) final certifications on completed new school projects that had not been certified to, by the then Town Treasurer, tothe Commonwealth. Namely: Shea's Field School now known as Robinson School, Granger School Addition, Jr. High School Cafeteria, and New High School Addition.

It was comforting to receive from the Head Administrative Assistant in Boston the following letter:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Education
School Building Assistant Bureau
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

February 24, 1971

Dear Mrs. Santinello:

I have completed the audits on three school construction projects that you submitted to this Bureau over a period of years. (We are about three years behind).

It was a pleasure to work with the files you presented. A rare occurrence in this work. Your attention to detail and clarity of presentation is to be commended. The Town of Agawam is indeed fortunate in its choice of Town Accountant. Thank you for making my task enjoyable.

Sincerely yours,

(s) William J. Curley
Head Adm. Assistant

cc: Board of Selectmen
Supt. James Clark

It also was most gratifying to receive the following letter from the Board of Selectmen.

Dear Mrs. Santinello:

This board has received your letter of resignation dated October 6, 1972 and individually and collectively express their sincere regret at your decision.

Nevertheless, we want you to know that you have earned our heartfelt respect, resulting from your ability and knowledge of the most difficult and sensitive area of public trust. Your ability to decide the areas of compliance within the statutes and your knowledge of the statutes have given our town due credit in fiscal responsibility.

While this form of government will be suspended by a new one on January 1, 1973, please feel that this membership will be always available to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The office of Town Accountant is a real challenge and demanding but am happy to say that I enjoyed the challenge and engaged all my capabilities to the utmost for the towns benefit.

Even in my retirement will be a concerned citizen on all issues.

GENERAL REVENUE
RECEIPTS

TAXES		
Local		
Property	$5,658,711.25	
Tax Title Redemptions	4,177.94	
Lieu of Taxes	4,708.65	
		$5,667,597.84
From the State General Fund Distributions:		
Valuation Basis	32,041.55	
Machinery Basis	4,431.26	
School Aid Ch. 70	588,514.59	
Special Education	66,807.70	
		691,795.10
From the State General Fund Reimbursements:		
School		
Transportation	101,645.18	
Vocational Education	14,779.00	
Food Service (Lunches)	74,751.37	
Elderly Lunch Program	478.43	
Building Assistance	220,868.34	
Tuition and Transportation	3,509.47	
		416,031.79

Other Purposes:		
Veterans' Benefits	36,315.95	
Library Aid	8,143.88	
Loss of Taxes	11,168.29	
		55,628.12
		471,659.91
From the State Agency, Highway and Local Aid Fund Distributions:		
Highway Fund Distribution 1971 and 1972	93,948.85	
Lottery Distribution Ch. 813	69,570.39	
		163,519.24
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcoholic Licenses	24,777.50	
All Other Licenses and Permits	26,266.00	
		51,043.50
FINES AND FORFEITURES		4,673.30
GRANTS FROM FEDERAL		
School — ESEA Title I	23,379.00	
ESEA Title II	7,701.48	
P. L. 92-318 Vocational Education	2,640.00	
		33,720.48
Council on Aging — Title III O.A.A.		8,900.00
Water Distribution	26,100.00	
Water Pollution Control	73,100.00	
		99,200.00
		141,820.48
Sewers, Sewerage Systems, Treatment and Disposal Facilities (Bond Issue)		1,115,000.00
FEDERAL GRANTS		
Civil Defense — Warning Sirens		979.43
GRANTS FROM COUNTY — DOG FUND		3,393.29
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Sewer	1,923.82	
Sidewalk	15.00	
		1,938.82
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	529,069.29	
Farm Animal Excise	485.03	
		529,554.32
DEPARTMENTAL		
Collector	5,496.00	
Town Clerk	6,837.19	
Other General Departments	3,994.00	
		16,327.19

PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police	125.00	
Fire	25.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	1,022.80	
Dog Officer	802.50	
		1,975.30
HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Public Health Nursing	670.00	
Rabies Clinic	748.00	
Trailer Court	2,550.00	
Sewers and Surface Drain	24,930.00	
		28,898.00
HIGHWAYS		
General	1,909.90	
State and County (Chapter 90)	46,080.54	
		47,990.44
VETERANS' RECOVERIES		431.25
SCHOOLS		
Tuition — Municipalities	516.00	
Industrial Arts	856.51	
Hall Rentals	2,079.06	
All Other	1,896.53	
		5,348.10
LIBRARIES		
Fines, Copies from Copier		1,818.23
PARKS & RECREATION		
Arts and Crafts	978.42	
1964 Ford Van	175.00	
All Other	48.60	
		1,202.02
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS		
Adult Education Tuition Fund	1,502.00	
Athletic Association Fund	8,093.88	
School Lunch Program (Sales)	196,916.38	
Conservation Fund	15.00	
Police Accident Fund	4,556.92	
Council on Aging Gift Fund	471.60	
Safety Officer (Safe Halloween) Fund	190.00	
Schools — Lost and Damaged Books	126.65	
Schools — Industrial Arts	20.00	
		211,892.43
COUNCIL ON AGING — CERAMIC SALES		1,166.32
UNCLASSIFIED		
Group Insurance — Blue Cross	125.00	
Liability Insurance (WC)	4,901.32	
Town Buildings — Insurance	774.00	
Town Vehicle Insurance	76.42	
		5,876.74

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		
Water Sales	238,364.72	
Miscellaneous	24,247.91	
		262,612.63
INTEREST		
Taxes and Assessments	22,434.72	
Investment Funds	230,514.96	
On Public Trust Funds:		
Public Assistance	622.36	
School	2,265.88	
Library	2,423.11	
Cemetery	289.43	
All Other	33.04	
		258,583.50
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	3,300,000.00	
Other Temporary Loans	700,000.00	
Premiums	3,434.20	
		4,003,434.20
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
Dog Licenses — County	6,444.55	
Dog Sales — County	48.00	
Deposits for Services	3,830.16	
Deposits — Other Public Trust Funds	572,532.46	
		582,855.17
INVESTMENTS		3,617,951.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	675,192.31	
State Withholding Taxes	192,495.21	
Group Insurance	102,473.71	
Retirement Deductions	92,120.45	
Credit Union	374,010.28	
All Other	45,569.15	
		1,481,861.11
REFUNDS		
General Departments:		
General Government	409.81	
Highway	6.63	
Veterans' Benefits	877.29	
Council on Aging	13.56	
Youth Commission	8.08	
Petty Cash Advances	770.00	
All Other — Estimated Receipts	1,484.67	
		3,570.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS — 1972		$19,376,768.90
BALANCE AT BEBINNING OF YEAR		383,822.78
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH REVENUE ON HAND		$19,760,591.68

Town Accountant

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1972

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1/1/72	Appropriations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Moderator	$	$ 104.50	$	$ 104.50	$ 104.50	$	$
Moderator — Other		35.00		35.00		35.00	
Selectmen — Salaries		6,374.50		6,374.50	6,374.50		
Executive Secretary		6,927.18	741.26	7,668.44	7,668.44		
Special Committee Expenses		1,881.00		1,881.00	1,254.58	626.42	
Extra Clerical		1,680.50		1,680.50	1,505.28	175.22	
All Other		2,900.00		2,900.00	2,643.71	256.29	
Equipment		600.00		600.00	573.15	26.85	
Out of State Travel		200.00	70.00	270.00	270.00		
Data Processing Supervisor		2,508.00		2,508.00	2,508.00		
Clerical		2,612.50		2,612.50	2,396.60	215.90	
Printed Forms, etc.		2,500.00	208.00	2,708.00	2,612.78	95.22	
Programming		3,500.00		3,500.00	2,345.22	1,154.78	
Equipment Rental		9,200.00		9,200.00	9,132.00	68.00	
Dog Law Enforcement		4,000.00	1,355.00	5,355.00	5,355.00		
Processing Dog Warrants		900.00		900.00	888.89	11.11	
Town Accountant — Salary		9,837.88	1,378.00	11,215.88	11,215.88		
Administrative Assistant		7,337.20	269.88	7,607.08	7,607.08		
Senior Clerk, Machine Operator		5,680.87		5,680.87	5,680.87		
All Other		1,425.00		1,425.00	1,424.77	.23	
Equipment		490.00		490.00	490.00		
Out of State Travel		200.00		200.00	157.53	42.47	
Town Clerk — Salary		11,007.88		11,007.88	11,007.88		
Administrative Assistant		7,876.44		7,876.44	7,876.44		
Principal Clerk		5,975.32	239.76	6,215.08	6,215.04	.04	
Senior Clerk		5,212.48		5,212.48	5,183.44	29.04	
All Other		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,154.14	45.86	
Car Allowance		315.00		315.00	315.00		
Town Treasurer — Salary		11,007.88		11,007.88	11,007.88		
Principal Clerk		6,514.69		6,514.69	6,514.69		

Senior Clerk	5,422.04		5,422.04	5,422.04	
All Other	1,230.00	692.67	1,922.67	1,847.67	75.00
Postage, etc.	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00	
Car Allowance	252.00		252.00	252.00	
Certification Expense	6,000.00		6,000.00	3,033.06	2,966.94
Town Collector — Salary	10,903.88		10,903.88	10,903.88	
Town Collector — Outgoing	1,900.88		1,900.88	1,900.88	
Administrative Assistant	8,684.00		8,684.00	8,684.00	
Town Collector — Senior Clerk	6,079.32		6,079.32	6,079.32	
Extra Clerical	2,104.41	915.20	3,019.61	2,984.42	35.19
All Other	4,400.00	360.00	4,760.00	4,560.00	200.00
Car Allowance	42.00		42.00	42.00	
Equipment	445.00		445.00	445.00	
Assessors — Salaries	8,360.00		8,360.00	8,360.00	
Assistant Assessor	8,383.96	300.04	8,684.00	8,684.00	
Principal Clerk	5,931.25		5,931.25	5,931.25	
Senior Clerk	5,002.40		5,002.40	5,002.40	
All Other	900.00	150.00	1,050.00	1,041.82	8.18
Photocoipes	700.00	162.50	862.50	862.45	.05
Up-Dating Maps	200.00		200.00	198.00	2.00
Equipment	450.00		450.00	445.00	5.00
Car Allowance	471.00		471.00	471.00	
Professional Appraisals and Legal	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Book Binding	125.00		125.00	119.80	5.20
Meeting Expenses	510.00		510.00	495.75	14.25
Law — Town Counsel — Salary	8,229.38		8,229.38	8,229.38	
Town Prosecutor	3,291.75		3,291.75	3,291.75	
All Other	1,240.00	92.83	1,332.83	1,322.83	10.00
Appraisals	1,000.00	1,665.00	2,665.00	2,653.75	11.25
Court Appeals	4,000.00		4,000.00	5,170.00	—1,170.00*
Juvenile Court Officer Fees	200.00		200.00	8.10	191.90
Election and Registration — Registrars	1,515.25		1,515.25	1,433.75	81.50
Officers — Salaries	12,540.00	60.14	12,600.14	12,600.14	
Street Listing Salaries	2,300.00		2,300.00	1,680.67	619.33
All Other	700.00	126.20	826.20	685.46	140.74

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	Balance 1/1/72	Appro-priations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Printing Forms, etc.		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Printing Street Listing		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,037.50	362.50	
Voting Machine Rental		6,962.69		6,962.69	6,930.57	32.12	
Town Hall — Telephone Oper. — Salary		5,106.40	210.08	5,316.48	5,316.48		
Custodial Services		8,124.00		8,124.00	8,124.00		
All Other		1,390.00		1,390.00	1,389.48	.52	
Major Repairs and Improvements		3,995.00		3,995.00	3,969.70	25.30	
Fuel, Light and Telephone		12,500.00	868.63	13,368.63	13,368.63		
Insurance — Buildings and Contents		5,000.00	99.20	5,099.20	5,099.20		
Copy Machine Supplies		1,800.00	500.00	2,300.00	2,270.27	29.73	
Other Town Bldgs. — Rps. & Maint.		500.00		500.00	425.22	74.78	
Planning Board — Principal Clerk		3,207.11	1,047.00	4,254.11	4,233.28	20.83	
All Other		751.00		751.00	744.72	6.28	
Board of Appeals Expenses		741.00		741.00	917.99	—176.99*	
Personnel Board — Clerical		313.50		313.50	165.00	148.50	
All Other		150.00		150.00	39.97	110.03	
Printing Book	300.00	000.00		300.00		300.00	
Finance Committee — Clerical		770.70		770.70	312.90	457.80	
All Other		600.00		600.00	599.90	.10	
TOTAL — GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 300.00	$ 292,628.74	$ 11,511.39	$ 304,440.13	$ 297,069.67	$ 7,370.46	$
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Fire Chief — Salary	$	$ 14,467.30	$ 1,110.64	$ 15,557.94	$ 15,577.94	$	$
Personnel Services		444,656.03		444,656.03	443,281.66	1,374.37	
Clerical		522.50		522.50	522.50		
Call Men		1,250.00		1,250.00	550.00	700.00	
Air Guard Leave		522.50		522.50		522.50	
School Leave		1,567.50		1,567.50	1,253.64	313.86	
Bereavement Leave		522.50		522.50	170.94	351.56	
Science College		6,400.00	400.00	6,800.00	6,800.00		
All Other		7,300.00		7,300.00	7,298.79	1.21	
Apparatus Repairs		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,983.41	16.59	

Gasoline and Oil	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,149.47	350.53
Hose and Fittings	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,966.35	33.65
Small Tools and Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00	963.09	36.91
Uniforms and Equipment for Men	1,000.00		1,000.00	992.35	7.65
Work Uniforms	4,100.00	200.00	4,300.00	4,292.12	7.88
Building Repairs and Maintenance	3,750.00		3,750.00	3,745.52	4.48
Out of State Travel	300.00		300.00	292.30	7.70
Police Chief — Salary	14,467.30	1,110.64	15,577.94	15,577.94	
Principal Clerk	6,423.04		6,423.04	6,423.04	
Safety Officer	2,508.00		2,508.00	2,508.00	
Personnel Services	454,335.37		454,335.37	433,677.07	20,658.30
School Traffic	9,330.00	658.35	9,988.35	9,862.71	125.64
All Other	4,985.00		4,985.00	2,980.61	2,004.39
Western Mass. Safety Council Dues	262.00		262.00	262.00	
Safety Officer Supplies	844.00		844.00	844.00	
Safety Officer (Safe Halloween)	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,499.93	.07
Telephone and Teleprocessing	4,100.00		4,100.00	3,728.98	371.02
Supplies and Equipment	3,315.00		3,315.00	3,124.07	190.93
Cruiser Repairs and Maintenance	16,400.00	1,869.17	18,269.17	18,970.77	— 701.60*
New Cruisers	10,000.00		10,000.00	13,090.00	—3,090.00*
Police Uniforms	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,889.03	110.97
Duty Injuries	2,000.00		2,000.00	477.39	1,522.61
Retired Personnel — Duty Injuries	1.00		1.00		1.00
New Police Station	149,000.00		149,000.00	–0–	149,000.00**
Police Station Building Committee	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,310.91	689.09
Out of State Travel	200.00	225.00s	425.00	355.75	69.25
Inspector — Weights and Measures	9,196.72		9,196.72	9,196.72	
All Other	250.00		250.00	245.28	4.72
Equipment	200.00		200.00	150.24	49.76
Car Allowance	756.00		756.00	756.00	
Out of State Travel	150.00		150.00	150.00	
Electrical Inspector — Fees	4,600.00		4,600.00	4,224.50	375.50
Building Inspector — Salary	11,727.04		11,727.04	11,727.04	
Principal Clerk — Salary	5,871.32		5,871.32	5,871.32	
All Other	930.00	125.00	1,055.00	1,055.00	

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	Balance 1/1/72	Appropriations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Car Allowance		960.00		960.00	960.000		
Forestry — Tree Warden — Salary		1,463.00		1,463.00	1,463.00		
Labor		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,500.00		
Equipment Rental		7,000.00		7,000.00	7,341.50	— 341.50*	
Spraying		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tree Planting		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,489.00	11.00	
Civil Defense — Clerical		1,198.65		1,198.65	1,198.65		
All Other		500.00		500.00	496.58	3.42	
Communications		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,187.03	12.97	
Engineering and Supplies		200.00		200.00	187.77	12.23	
Warning Sirens		2,000.00	979.43**	2,979.43	2,353.84	625.59	
Transportation		100.00		100.00	99.82	.18	
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00	100.00		
TOTAL — PUBLIC SAFETY	$	$1,261,931.77	$ 6,678.23	$1,268,610.00	$1,092,175.57	$ 176,434.43	
PUBLIC HEALTH							
Public Health Agent Salary — (Temp.)	$	$ 345.00	$ 975.00	$ 1,320.00	$ 1,320.00	$	$
Senior Clerk — Salary		5,474.43		5,474.43	5,474.43		
Senior Public Nurse I — Salary		8,580.00		8,580.00	8,580.00		
Senior Public Nurse II — Salary		7,533.76		7,533.76	7,502.35	31.41	
Animal and Slaughter Inspectors		301.00		301.00	300.00	1.00	
Plumbing Inspector — Fees		5,600.00		5,600.00	4,776.00	824.00	
Office Supplies and Equipment		250.00	500.00	750.00	392.41	357.59	
Medical Programs		1,000.00		1,000.00	867.61	132.39	
TB Hospital		10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	
Public Health Nurses Car Expenses		250.00		250.00	235.26	14.74	
Board of Health Doctor		400.00		400.00	400.00		
Child Clinic Doctor		300.00		300.00	270.00	30.00	
Rabies Clinic		600.00		600.00	557.91	42.09	
Equipment		200.00		200.00		200.00	
Health Agent — Car Allowance		250.00	250.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	
Counseling Services Art. #57		8,398.91		8,389.91	8,398.91		

Area Mental Health and Retardation ..		6,719.00		6,719.00	6,719.00			
Gypsy Moth Control		500.00		500.00	500.00			
1972 Insect Control Program			2,000.00s	2,000.00		2,000.00		
TOTAL — PUBLIC HEALTH	$	$ 56,702.10	$ 3,725.00	$ 60,427.10	$ 46,543.88	$ 13,883.22	$	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS								
SANITATION:								
Garbage Contract	$	$ 22,000.00	$	$ 22,000.00	$ 22,000.00	$	$	
Rubbish Collection Contract		36,563.00	9,600.00s	46,163.00	46,163.00			
Rubbish — Dump Rental		48,249.50		48,249.50	46,886.10	1,363.40		
Rubbish — All Other		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,930.73	69.27		
Sewer Maintenance and Surface Drains		41,100.00		41,100.00	41,095.75	4.25		
Belvidere Street Surface Drainage	4,214.70			4,214.70		4,214.70t		
North Street Engineering Sewer study	7,000.00			7,000.00				7,000.00
1969 Sewerage and Surface Dr. Report	15,338.51			15,338.51	13,446.91	1,891.60		
1969 So. Main Street Sewer Study	738.78			738.78		738.78		
TOTAL — SANITATION	$ 27,291.99	$ 152,912.50	$ 9,600.00	$ 189,804.49	$ 174,522.49	$ 8,282.00	$	7,000.00
HIGHWAYS:								
1961 Ch. 90 Construction (State)	$ 5,000.00	$	$	$ 5,000.00	$	$	$	5,000.00
1970 Ch. 90 Construction	4,368.65			4,368.65	4,368.65			
1971 Ch. 90 Construction	9,166.32			9,166.32	9,166.32			
1972 Ch. 90 Construction		36,800.00		36,800.00	33,245.49			3,554.51
1972 Ch. 90 Maintenance		21,000.00		21,000.00	20,999.02	.98		
School Zone Signal		3,700.00		3,700.00	2,143.39			1,556.61
Traffic Design O'Brien's Corner	35.13			35.13		35.13		
Traffic Signal O'Brien's Corner	5,966.40			5,966.40	5,404.00	562.40		
Traffic Signal Suffield and Cooper Sts.	12,755.38			12,755.38	12,554.30	201.08		
Mittineague Bridge	13,080.00			13,080.00	10,900.00	2,180.00		
Highway Maintenance		85,500.00	6.63	85,506.63	85,497.77	8.86		
Road Machinery		31,500.00	5,456.37	36,956.37	37,513.48	— 557.11*		
Sidewalk Maintenance		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,491.64	8.36		
Sidewalk Construction		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,999.35	.65		
Sidewalk Construction, North Street			23,000.00s	23,000.00				23,000.00
Sidewalk Property of Lawrence Scherpa			200.00s	200.00				200.00
Silver St. Sidewalk, Elm to Suffield		9,500.00		9,500.00	8,375.82			1,124.18

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	Balance 1/1/72	Appropriations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Silver St. Sidewalk, Suffield to Porter ..		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,377.34		622.66
Snow and Ice Removal		60,000.00		60,000.00	62,553.02	—2,553.02	
2 — 4 yd. Dump Trucks		18,663.00		18,663.00	18,663.00		
2 — 6 yd. Sand Spreaders		5,690.00		5,690.00	5,679.12	10.88	
1 — ¾T Utility Truck		3,802.00		3,802.00	3,802.00		
1 — ½T Truck Pick-up		2,523.00		2,523.00	2,523.00		
1 — Patch Roller and Trailer		989.00		989.00	969.22	19.78	
DPW — ADMINISTRATION:							
Superintendent — Salary		15,273.44		15,273.44	15,273.44		
Secretary to Superintendent — Salary		8,279.96		8,279.96	8,279.96		
Principal Clerk		7,233.20		7,233.20	7,233.20		
Personnel Services		261,734.28		261,734.28	251,759.95	9,974.33	
Police Services		4,200.00		4,200.00	3,816.00	384.00	
All Other		950.00		950.00	850.69	99.31	
Equipment		700.00		700.00	699.08	.92	
Town Engineer — Salary		14,961.44		14,961.44	14,961.44		
Assistant Town Engineer — Salary		10,288.72		10,288.72	10,288.72		
Personnel Services		22,780.23		22,780.23	21,837.23	943.00	
Consulting Services		500.00		500.00	496.50	3.50	
All Other		1,275.00		1,275.00	1,274.39	.61	
Equipment		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,598.94	1.06	
Car Allowance (Mileage)		700.00		700.00	620.60	79.40	
Street Lighting		115,000.00		115,000.00	110,657.04	4,342.96	
TOTAL — HIGHWAYS	$ 50,371.88	$ 760,643.27	$ 28,663.00	$ 938,678.15	$ 788,873.11	$ 15,747.08	$ 35,057.96
VETERANS' BENEFITS (CARRY OVER) 1971	$ 2,500.00	$	$	$ 2,500.00	$ 692.67	$ 1,807.33	$
VETERANS' BENEFITS		95,000.00	877.29	95,877.29	62,092.50	31,284.79	2,500.00
TOTAL — VETERANS' BENEFITS	$ 2,500.00	$ 95,000.00	$ 877.29	$ 98,377.29	$ 62,785.17	$ 33,092.12	$ 2,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING							
Director — Salary		$ 6,927.18	$ 38.18	$ 6,965.36	$ 6,965.36	$	$

Community Aide Coordinator			958.56	958.56	958.56		
Custorial Services		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Arts and Crafts Instructors		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,295.00	5.00	
All Other		865.00	300.00)	1,178.56	1,155.32	23.24	
			13.56)				
Sr.Citizens Bus Expense (Fed. program)		3,498.00		3,498.00	947.65		2,550.35
Building Rental		4,800.00		4,800.00	4,800.00		
Fuel, Light and Telephone		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,490.03	9.97	
Arts and Crafts Supplies		1,500.00	75.00	1,575.00	1,574.03	.97	
Equipment		35.00		35.00	34.99	.01	
TOTAL — COUNCIL ON AGING	$	$ 21,625.18	$ 1,385.30	$ 23,010.48	$ 20,420.94	$ 39.19	$ 2,550.35
SCHOOLS							
General Operating Expense and Salaries	$	$3,608,655.00	$	$3,608,655.00	$3,608,541.96	$ 113.04	$
Transportation		177,820.00		177,820.00	177,769.15	50.85	
Out of State Travel		750.00		750.00	746.05	3.95	
TOTAL — SCHOOLS	$	$3,787,225.00	$	$3,787,225.00	$3,787,057.16	$ 167.84	
ACQUISITION OF LAND							
Land Taking — Sewer Purposes STM	$	$	$ 21,519.81	$ 21,519.81	$ 16,268.75	$	$ 5,251.06
DPW Purposes — Forrest Road		17,500.00		17,500.00			17,500.00
Investigation Costs Adm. Bldg. Complex	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
School Purposes	900.00			900.00			900.00
Heirs — D. Crowley	150.00			150.00			150.00
Elbert Road Easement	2.00			2.00			2.00
Maynard Street	1.00			1.00			1.00
Silver Street Easement	1.00			1.00			1.00
School and Fire Purposes	11,702.30			11,702.30		11,702.30t	
Lealand and Valentine Streets, Strip	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00t	
North Street — LeDuc and Draghetti	47.00			47.00		47.00	
Suffield Street Widening	1,441.81			1,441.81		1,441.81t	
Bridge Street	2.00			2.00		2.00	
South Main Street Sewer Project	3,300.00			3,300.00	139.00	3,161.00t	
James Street			7,242.00	7,242.00			7,242.00
TOTAL — ACQUISITION OF LAND	$ 19,547.11	$ 17,500.00	$ 28,761.81	$ 65,808.92	$ 16,407.75	$ 17,354.11	$ 32,047.06

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LIBRARIES	Balance 1/1/72	Appropriations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
Chief Librarian — Salary	$	$ 10,648.04	$	$ 10,648.04	$ 10,648.04	$	$
Administrative Services		7,601.10		7,601.10	7,601.10		
Personnel Services		39,687.70		39,687.70	38,591.99	1,095.71	
All Other		4,200.00		4,200.00	4,199.03	.97	
Books and Periodicals		18,175.17		18,175.17	18,174.82	.35	
Fuel, Light and Telephone		3,200.00		3,200.00	3,199.55	.45	
Equipment		435.00		435.00	384.00	51.00	
Car Allowance — Chief Librarian		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Out of State Travel		300.00		300.00	272.15	27.85	
Library Building Study Committee		15,000.00		15,000.00			15,000.00
Library Needs	2,000.00			2,000.00			2,000.00
TOTAL — LIBRARIES	$ 2,000.00	$ 99,847.01	$	$ 101,847.01	$ 83,670.68	$ 1,176.33	$ 17,000.00
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMISSION							
Parks, Director — Salary	$	$ 9,608.30	$	$ 9,608.30	$ 9,608.30	$	$
Junior Clerk (Part Time) Salary		1,873.06		1,873.06	1,780.74	92.32	
Labor — Maintenance		16,831.77		16,831.77	16,780.06	51.71	
Recreation Programs Services		31,240.26		31,240.26	30,725.11	515.15	
All Other		1,838.00		1,838.00	1,803.49	34.51	
Recreation Supplies		5,910.00		5,910.00	5,898.23	11.77	
Athletic Equipment		2,119.00		2,119.00	2,118.32	.68	
Playground Equipment		1,784.00		1,784.00	1,783.80	.20	
Miscellaneous Equipment		1,934.00		1,934.00	1,931.43	2.57	
Repairs & Maint. — Bldgs. & Grounds		6,868.00		6,868.00	6,857.85	10.15	
Parks — Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	$	$ 1,210.00	$ 261.96	1,471.96	$ 1,471.81	$ .15	$
2 — Used Station Wagons		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Director — Car Allowance		798.00		798.00	798.00		
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00	90.19	9.81	
Parks — Lighting Recreation Areas		4,117.00		4,117.00	3,377.65	739.35	
Parks — 1 Ton Dump Truck, etc.		3,987.47		3,987.47	3,770.40	217.07	
Parks—EEA Youth Program—Equip.			2,500.00	2,500.00	2,497.21	2.79	

Parks—Heating System (Shea's Field)			1,469.50s	1,469.50	1,469.50				
Parks—Robinson—Swim. Pool Utilities			8,000.00s	8,000.00					8,000.00
Parks — Police Serv. — Rock Concert			472.50	472.50	472.50				
TOTAL — PARKS & RECREATION ..	$	$ 90,718.86	$ 12,703.96	$ 103,422.82	$ 93,734.59	$ 1,688.23	$ 8,000.00		
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS									
Agawam Business and Inductrial Expense	$	$ 300.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 127.89	$ 172.11	$		
Aga. Bus. & Develop. Comm. (Use of)	30,000.00			30,000.00					30,000.00
Agawam Historical Committee		600.00		600.00					600.00
Agawam Beautification Committee		700.00		700.00	669.40	30.60			
Agawam Capital Budget Committee		460.00		460.00	157.41	302.59			
Agawam Conservation Commission		1,075.00		1,075.00	1,074.34	.66			
Agawam Memorial Day Committee		779.00		779.00	658.55	120.45			
Agawam Panel — Retired Firefighters		1,000.00		1,000.00					1,000.00
Agawam Sidewalk and Safety Committee		100.00		100.00	99.79	.21			
Agawam Youth Comm. — Other Expense		3,440.00	8.08	3,448.08	2,407.23	1,040.85			
Agawam Youth Comm. Teen Ctr. Trans.		2,100.00		2,100.00	2,100.00				
TOTAL — COMMIT. & COMMIS.	$ 30,000.00	$ 10,554.00	$ 8.08	$ 40,562.08	$ 7,294.61	$ 1,667.47	$ 31,600.00		
UNCLASSIFIED									
Damages to Persons and Property	$	$ 2,500.00	$ 7,105.54	$ 9,605.54	$ 9,605.54	$	$		
Previous Year's Bills		5,540.44	2,370.31s	7,910.75	7,897.71	13.04			
Town Vehicle Insurance		12,500.00	2,211.66	14,711.66	14,811.66	— 100.00*			
Liability Insurance (WC)		26,255.00		26,255.00	16,794.00				9,461.00
Surety Bonds		1,221.00		1,221.00	1,221.00				
Town Reports		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,187.65	312.35			
Foreclosure Tax Titles		1.00		1.00		1.00			
WWI Barracks Rent		600.00		600.00	600.00				
DAV Ch. 55 Agawam — Rent		600.00		600.00	600.00				
Aid to Agriculture		125.00		125.00	125.00				
Town Bylaws — Compilation & Printing	6,000.00			6,000.00	1,500.00				4,500.00
Non-Contributory Retirement		9,390.00	66.60	9,456.60	9,456.18	.42			
Contributory Retirement		146,077.00		146,077.00	146,076.54	.46			
Group Insurance and Hospitalization		70,000.00	9,495.12	79,495.12	79,098.78	396.34			
Reserve Fund — Finance Committee		45,000.00		45,000.00	45,000.00				
TOTAL — UNCLASSIFIED	$ 6,000.00	$ 324,309.44	$ 21,249.23	$ 351,558.67	$ 336,974.06	$ 623.61	$ 13,961.00		

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1972

	Balance 1/1/72	Appropriations	Additions	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Carry Over
ENTERPRISES							
Water — Metered Consumption	$	$ 120,000.00	$	$ 120,000.00	$ 98,062.26	$ 21,937.74	$
Miscellaneous Billings		400.00		400.00	370.00	30.00	
All Other		39,780.00		39,780.00	39,583.45	196.55	
Water Main — Fire Hydrant Stanley Pl.		3,700.00		3,700.00	3,675.86	24.14	
Water Main — Silver Street 1,400′		37,000.00		37,000.00	10,016.53		26,983.47
TOTAL — ENTERPRISES	$	$ 200,880.00	$	$ 200,880.00	$ 151,708.10	$ 22,188.43	$ 26,983.47
CEMETERIES							
Cemetery — Maintenance Contract	$	$ 925.00	$ 50.00	$ 975.00	$ 975.00	$	$
Veterans' Graves		351.00		351.00	351.00		
Rebuilding		250.00		250.00	250.00		
All Other — Adm.		25.00	10.50	35.50	35.50		
TOTAL — CEMETERIES	$	$ 1,551.00	$ 60.50	$ 1,611.50	$ 1,611.50	$	$
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST							
Bond Debt — Principal	$	$ 526,000.00	$	$ 526,000.00	$ 526,000.00	$	$
Bond Debt — Interest		296,378.75		296,378.75	296,378.75		
Temporary Loans — Interest		65,000.00		65,000.00	48,307.50	16,692.50	
TOTAL — DEBT AND INTEREST	$	$ 887,378.75	$	$ 887,378.75	$ 870,686.25	$ 16,692.50	$
***TOWN COUNCIL**							
Town Manager — Salary			$ 8,700.00	$ 8,700.00	$ 5,076.84	$ 3,623.16	$
Town Council — Members — Salaries			3,874.99	3,874.99	3,624.99	250.00	
Secretary — Town Council			2,080.00	2,080.00	370.48	1,709.52	
Custodial Services			500.00	500.00	415.87	84.13	
Town Clerk — Clerk to Town Council			500.00	500.00	437.46	62.54	
All Other			4,150.00	4,150.00	2,182.68	1,967.32	
Equipment			650.00	650.00	166.50	483.50	
Out of State and Instate Travel			3,200.00	3,200.00	491.81	2,708.19	
Car Expense			500.00	500.00	100.00	400.00	
TOTAL — TOWN COUNCIL			$ 24,154.99	$ 24,154.99	$ 12,866.63	$ 11,288.36	$

*Transfers — Available Funds STM 8/5/72

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 300.00	$ 292,628.74	$ 11,511.39	$ 304,440.13	$ 297,069.67	$ 7,370.46	$
PUBLIC SAFETY		1,261,931.77	6,678.23	1,268,610.00	1,092,175.57	176,434.43	
PUBLIC HEALTH		56,702.10	3,725.00	60,427.10	46,543.88	13,883.22	
DPW — SANITATION	27,291.99	152,912.50	9,600.00	189,804.49	174,522.49	8,282.00	7,000.00
DPW — HIGHWAYS	50,371.88	760,643.27	28,663.00	839,678.15	788,873.11	15,747.08	35,057.96
VETERANS' BENEFITS	2,500.00	95,000.00	877.29	98,377.29	62,785.17	33,092.12	2,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING		21,625.18	1,385.30	23,010.48	20,420.94	39.19	2,550.35
SCHOOLS		3,787,225.00		3,787,225.00	3,787,057.16	167.84	
ACQUISITION OF LAND	19,547.11	17,500.00	28,761.81	65,808.92	16,407.75	17,354.11	32,047.06
LIBRARIES	2,000.00	99,847.01		101,847.01	83,670.68	1,176.33	17,000.00
PARKS AND RECREATION		90,718.86	12,703.96	103,422.82	93,734.59	1,688.23	8,000.00
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	30,000.00	10,554.00	8.08	40,562.08	7,294.61	1,667.47	31,600.00
UNCLASSIFIED	6,000.00	324,309.44	21,249.23	351,558.67	336,974.06	623.61	13,961.00
ENTERPRISES		200,880.00		200,880.00	151,708.10	22,188.43	26,983.47
CEMETERIES		1,551.00	60.50	1,611.50	1,611.50		
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST		887,378.75		887,378.75	870,686.25	16,692.50	
TOWN COUNCIL			24,154.99	24,154.99	12,866.63	11,288.36	
TOTAL — SUMMARY	$ 138,010.98	$8,061,407.62	$ 149,378.78	$8,348,797.38	$7,844,402.16	$ 327,695.38	$ 176,699.84

Authorized Overdrafts — Emergency Finance Board — Boston		$ 8,690.22
Additions Data:		
8/5/72 STM Transfer from Available Funds	$ 102,083.98	
Reserve Transfers — Finance Committee	45,000.00	
U. S. Tr. — Civil Defense Warning Sirens	979.43	
General Departmental Refunds	1,315.37	
Total — Additions	$ 149,378.78	
Total Unexpended Balances		$ 336,385.60
Unexpended Balance — Data:		
Closed Balance — 5/25/72; 5/31/72; 12/31/72		314,865.79
STM 8/5/72 Balances Appropriation for Land Taking — Sewer Purposes		21,519.81
		$ 336,385.60

TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1972

ASSETS

Cash Revenue	$ 760,238.02	
Non-Revenue Cash	1,106,696.53	
Non-Revenue Invested Cash	250,000.00	
		$2,116,934.55
Petty Cash Advance		31.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1969		
Personal Property		2,876.05
Levy of 1970		
Personal Property		3,024.38
Levy of 1971		
Personal Property	7,138.82	
Real Estate	61,600.96	
		68,739.78
Levy of 1972		
Personal Property	12,875.90	
Real Estate	299,410.63	
		312,286.53
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1969	13,051.04	
Levy of 1970	21,778.42	
Levy of 1971	29,999.53	
Levy of 1972	88,390.63	
		153,219.62
Special Assessments:		
1971 Apport. Sewer — Added to Taxes	41.00	
1972 Apport. Sewer — Added to Taxes	124.80	
1971 Committed Interest	22.44	
1972 Committed Interest	49.63	
		237.87
Tax Titles		26,224.00
Tax Possessions		7,273.78

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross Fund		$ 10,154.14
Life Insurance Fund		562.62
Reserve — Petty Cash Advance		31.00
Deposit Accounts:		
Water Guarantee	250.00	
Planning Board	220.20	
Board of Appeals	166.17	
		636.37
Employees Group Insurance Fund		1,899.48
Tailings		152.13
County — Dog Sales		6.00
Conservation Fund		540.00
Police — Accident Fund		-0-
Council on Aging Gift Fund		430.82
Library Gift Fund		45.52
Trust Fund Income:		
Desire A. Pyne, Worthy Poor Fund	564.41	
Whiting Street, Worthy Food Fund	1,146.62	
Mary Phelon School Fund	1,082.77	
Mary Phelon Library Fund	149.66	
Davis Library Fund	5,736.27	
Old Cemetery Fund	289.56	
Feeding Hills Cemetery, General Care	53.51	
Feeding Hills Cemetery, Perpetual Care	78.68	
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund	209.71	
Lydia Roberts Cemetery Fund	321.32	
Faolin Peirce Scholarship Fund	2,076.08	
Clara H. Williams Nursing Scholarship	133.03	
		11,841.62
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
1969 Overlay	3,256.32	
1970 Overlay	47,705.62	

Departmental Revenue:		
a/r Sewer	8,250.00	
a/r Highway	687.10	
a/r Veterans' Benefits	3,857.06	
a/r Schools	240.00	
a/r In Lieu of Taxes	5,529.59	
		18,563.75
Water:		
Water Rates	13,186.50	
a/r Miscellaneous Billings	3,813.28	
1971 Water Liens	776.67	
1972 Water Liens	3,672.56	
		21,449.01
Aid to Highways:		
State	12,400.00	
County	6,200.00	
		18,600.00
Underestimates:		
1972 L.P.V. — Air Pollution		52.09
Farm Animal Excise		287.60
Loans Authorized		1,694,000.00
Authorized Overdrafts:		
Police Cruiser	3,090.00	
Law — Court Appeals	1,170.00	
Town Vehicle Insurance	100.00	
Board of Appeals Clercial	176.99	
Police Cruiser Repairs	701.60	
DPW Road Machinery	557.11	
Forestry — Storm	341.50	
Snow and Ice Removal	2,553.02	
		8,690.22

1971 Overlay	27,551.69	
1972 Overlay	24,148.03	
		102,661.66
Overlay Reserve		3,511.34
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch Program	17,776.90	
School Athletic Association	2,120.50	
School Adult Evening Tuition Fund	4,020.35	
ESEA Title I — Schools	6,411.84	
ESEA Title II — Schools	693.28	
NDEA Title III — Schools	5,719.03	
Smith, Hughs, Barden Fund	2.94	
Aid to Voc. Ed. P.L. 92-318	2,640.00	
Schools — Lost and Damaged Books	126.65	
Schools — Industrial Arts Supplies	20.00	
Police—Safety Officer (Safe Halloween)	15.00	
Council on Aging — Title III O.A.A.	2,257.84	
		41,804.33
Planning Board Forfeiture — Sub-Divisions:		
Clover Hill Estates	1,045.66	
Karen Drive Sidewalks	2,000.00	
		3,045.66
Welfare — M. A. Recovery		1,000.00
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Fire—Duty Injuries Retired Personnel	1,000.00	
North St. Engineering Sewer Study	7,000.00	
1961 Ch. 90 Construction—Eng. (State)	5,000.00	
1972 Ch. 90 Construction	3,554.51	
School Zone Signal	1,556.61	
Silver St. Sidewalk (Elm to Suffield)	1,124.18	
Silver St. Sidewalk (Suffield to Porter)	622.66	
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Council on Aging — Sr. Citizens — Bus.	2,550.35	
Land Taking — Forrest Road	17,500.00	
Land Taking — Adm. Bldg. Complex	1,000.00	

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Land Taking — School Purposes	900.00	
Land Taking — Heirs D. Crowley	150.00	
Elbert Road Easement	2.00	
Maynard Street Easement	1.00	
Silver Street Easement	1.00	
Library — Bldg. Study Committee	15,000.00	
Library Needs	2,000.00	
Liability Insurance — Audit 1972 (WC)	9,461.00	
North Street Sidewalk to Sylvan Lane	23,000.00	
Lawrence J. Scherpa 100′ Prop. of	200.00	
Land Taking — Sewer Purposes	5,251.06	
Land Taking — James Street	7,242.00	
Robinson Park—Swimming Pool Utilities	8,000.00	
Town By-Laws Compilation & Printing	4,500.00	
Agawam Business and Industrial Comm.	30,000.00	
Agawam Historical Association	600.00	
Water Main — Silver Street	26,983.47	
		176,699.84
Loans Authorized and Unissued		1,694,000.00
Overestimates:		
1972 Health Ins. — State Elderly Retire.	161.29	
1972 State Recreation Areas	6,807.03	
1972 County Tax	4,943.75	
		11,912.09
Surplus Revenue		789,003.45
Non-Revenue:		
Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer	314.48	
Memorial Dr., Pk., Poplar, etc. I. Sewer	1,328.26	
Feeding Hills Fire Station No. 2	11,016.92	
Water Distribution	218.85	
New Feeding Hills Jr. High School	1,047,869.28	
Sewerage Systems — So. Main St. Area	52,264.61	
Sewerage Systems — Treatment, Disposal	241,660.43	
		1,354,672.83

		Premium on Loan	2,023.70
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	153,219.62
		Farm Animal Excise	287.60
		Special Assessments	237.87
		Tax Titles and Possessions	33,497.78
		Departmental	18,563.75
		Water	21,449.01
		Aid to Highways	18,600.00
			245,855.63
	$4,452,490.23		$4,452,490.23

DEFERRED REVENUE

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue Not Due	$ 10,455.43	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Due 1973–1989	$ 10,455.43
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments Not Due	55.00	Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments Due 1973–1978	55.00
	$ 10,510.43		$ 10,510.43

TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1972

Trust andInvestment Funds:		
Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Treasurer	$ 311,466.94	
Federal Revenue Sharing	1.00	
Invested Revenue Sharing Funds	167,950.00	
In Custody of Treasurer and Trustees	7,688.31	
	$ 487,106.25	
In Custody of Treasurer:		
Desire A. Pyne Charity Fund		$ 2,777.24
Faolin Peirce Scholarship Fund		21,457.45
Mary A. Phelon School Fund		5,016.17
Mary A. Phelon Library Fund		701.93
Clara H. Williams Nursing Scholarship Fund		629.78
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund		2,177.06
Feeding Hills Cemetery — General Care Fund		255.37
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual Care Fund		466.84
Charles Palmer Davis Library Fund		57,129.69
Stabilization Fund		219,579.98
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund P.L. 92-512		167,951.00
Old Cemetery Fund		1,275.43
In Custody of Treasurer and Trustees:		
Whiting Street Fund		7,137.94
Lydia B. Roberts Cemetery Fund		550.37
		$ 487,106.25

TOWN OF AGAWAM — TOWN ACCOUNTANT — REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

JANUARY 1, 1972 — DECEMBER 31, 1972

	Balance 1/1/72	Receipts	Available	Expenditures	Balance 12/31/72
School Lunch Program	$ 33,251.53	$ 272,146.18	$ 305,397.71	$ 287,620.81	$ 17,776.90
School Athletic Funds	3,781.32	8,093.88	11,875.20	9,754.70	2,120.50
School Adult Education Evening	4,422.84	1,502.00	5,924.84	1,904.49	4,020.35
ESEA Title I — Schools		23,379.00	23,379.00	16,967.16	6,411.84
ESEA Title II — Schools	257.41	7,701.48	7,958.89	7,265.61	693.28
NDEA Title III — Schools	5,719.03		5,719.03		5,719.03
Vocational Education P.L. 92-318		2,640.00	2,640.00		2,640.00
Smith, Hughs, Barden	2.94		2.94		2.94
Schools — Lost and Damaged Books		126.65	126.65		126.65
Schools — Industrial Art Supplies		20.00	20.00		20.00
Conservation Fund	525.00	15.00	540.00		540.00
Council on Aging Title III O.A.A.		8,900.00	8,900.00	6,642.16	2,257.84
Police — Accident Fund		4,556.92	4,556.92	4,556.92	–0–
Police — Safety Officer — Halloween		190.00	190.00	175.00	15.00
Council on Aging — Gift Fund	2,179.59	471.60	2,651.19	2,220.37	430.82
Library — Gift Fund	45.52		45.52		45.52
Desire A. Pyne Fund — Income	404.98	159.43	564.41		564.41
Whiting Street Fund — Income	920.76	462.93	1,383.69	237.07	1,146.62
Mary Phelon School Fund — Income	833.67	249.10	1,082.77		1,082.77
Mary Phelon Library Fund — Income	106.69	42.97	149.66		149.66
Davis Library Fund — Income	3,356.13	2,380.14	5,736.27		5,736.27
Old Cemetery Fund — Income	211.46	78.10	289.56		289.56
Feeding Hills Cemetery, General Care Fund — Income	37.96	15.55	53.51		53.51
Feeding Hills Cemetery, Perpetual Care Fund — Income	50.13	28.55	78.68		78.68
Maple Grove Cemetery	76.20	133.51	209.71		209.71
Lydia Roberts Cemetery	287.60	33.72	321.32		321.32
Faolin Pierce Scholarship Fund — Income	2,302.30	2,016.78	4,319.08	2,243.00	2,076.08
Clara H. Williams Scholarship Fund	99.99	33.04	133.03		133.03
TOTAL — REVOLVING FUNDS	$ 58,873.05	$ 335,376.53	$ 394,249.58	$ 339,587.29	$ 54,662.29

REPORT OF TRANSFERS VOTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE — YEAR 1972

APPROPRIATION FROM OVERLAY RESERVE ..... $ 45,000.00

Department	Reserve Transfer to:	Amount
Selectmen	Executive Secretary — Salary	$ 202.02
	Out of State Travel	70.00
Town Accountant	Administrative Assistant — Salary	269.88
Town Clerk	Principal Clerk — Salary	239.76
Town Treasurer	All Other	692.67
Town Collector	Extra Clercial — Salary	915.20
	All Other	360.00
Assessors	Photocopies	162.50
	All Other	150.00
Law	Appraisals	1,665.00
	All Other	92.83
Election and Registration	All Other	126.20
Administration — Selectmen	Administration Building — Fuel, Light and Telephone	868.63
	Copy Machine Supplies	500.00
	Town Vehicle Insurance	2,211.66
	Town Building Package Insurance	99.20
	Group Insurance and Hospitalization	9,478.44
	Damages to Persons and Property	7,105.54
	Dog Law Enforcement	1,355.00

Fire	Fire Chief — Salary	1,110 64
	Work Uniforms	200.00
	Science College	400.00
Police	Police Chief — Salary	1,110.64
	School Traffic Guards	658.35
	Cruiser Repairs and Maintenance	1,869.17
Building Inspector	All Other	125.00
Public Works	DPW Road Machinery	5,456.37
Health	Agent — Salary (Temporary)	975.00
	Agent — Car Allowance	250.00
	Office Supplies	500.00
Council on Aging	Arts and Crafts Supplies	75.00
	Director — Salary	38.18
	Community Aide Coordinator — Salary (Fed.)	958.56
	All Other	300.00
Parks	Recreation — Rock Concert (Police)	472.50
	Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	261.96
	EEA Youth Program — Equipment	2,500.00
Planning Board	Principal Clerk — Salary	1,047.00
Unclassified	Non-Contributory Retirement	66.60
Cemetery	Maintenance	50.00
	All Other	10.50
	TOTAL TRANSFERS VOTED	$ 45,000.00

DETAIL OF DEBT — INSIDE LIMIT

	% of Interest	Year Issued	Outstanding 1/1/72	Paid 1972	Outstanding 12/31/72	Principal Due 1/1/73–6/30/74	Interest Due 1/1/73–6/30/74	Date of Maturity
South Street School	2.60	1965	$ 30,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 650.00	1974
Robinson School	3.80	1959	160,000.00	20,000.00	140,000.00	20,000.00	7,600.00	1979
High School Addition	3.10	1961	140,000.00	15,000.00	125,000.00	30,000.00	5,347.50	1981
Granger School Addition	3.10	1964	200,000.00	20,000.00	180,000.00	30,000.00	7,905.00	1984
Memorial Park, Drive Sewer	4.40	1968	240,000.00	20,000.00	220,000.00	40,000.00	13,640.00	1983
Suffield Street Land Taking	6.50	1969	16,000.00	16,000.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	1972
			$ 786,000.00	$ 101,000.00	$ 685,000.00	$ 130,000.00	$ 35,142.50	

DETAIL OF DEBT — OUTSIDE LIMIT

Phelps School Addition	1.70	1952	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ —0—	$ —0—	$ —0—	1972
New High School	2.25	1954	90,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	1,350.00	1974
New High School	2.25	1956	225,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	3,375.00	1974
South Street School	2.60	1959	25,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,600.00	1973
Robinson School	3.80	1963	85,000.00	15,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00	3,800.00	1979
Water Distribution	4.40	1968	240,000.00	20,000.00	220,000.00	40,000.00	13,640.00	1983
New Feeding Hills Jr. High School	5.10	1971	4,800,000.00	240,000.00	4,560,000.00	480,000.00	336,600.00	1991
So. Main Street Sewers	5.10	1971	200,000.00	20,000.00	180,000.00	40,000.00	12,750.00	1981
Sewage Systems and Facilities	4.70	1972	—0—	—0—	1,115,000.00	75,000.00	76,845.00	1987
			$5,675,000.00	$ 425,000.00	$6,365,000.00	$ 865,000.00	$ 448,620.00	
GRAND TOTALS			$6,461,000.00	$ 526,000.00	$7,050,000.00	$ 995,000.00	$ 483,762.50	

LOANS AUTHORIZED: (UNISSUED)

SOUTH MAIN STREET SEWER	$ 94,000.00
SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES	1,600,000.00
TOTAL	$1,694,000.00

RECAPITULATION ESTIMATED RECEIPTS — DECEMBER 31, 1972

	Assessors Estimate	Actual Received	(Deficiency) Excess
BOARD OF ASSESSORS:			
Estimated Receipts as Certified by Commissioner	$1,275,728.61	$1,326,974.25	$ 51,245.64
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	580,000.00	507,429.31	(72,570.69)
Licenses	25,000.00	34,191.00	9,191.00
Fines	3,500.00	2,673.30	(826.70)
Special Assessments	3,500.00	1,938.82	(1,561.18)
General Government	20,000.00	16,327.19	(3,672.81)
Protection of Persons and Property	20,000.00	18,827.80	(1,172.20)
Health and Sanitation	25,000.00	28,898.00	3,898.00
Highways	300.00	1,909.90	1,609.90
School (local receipts of School Committee)	6,100.00	5,348.10	(751.90)
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	1,500.00	1,818.23	318.23
Recreation	900.00	978.42	78.42
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Department)	330,000.00	262,142.35	(67,857.65)
Interest and Costs: Taxes and Assessments		22,434.72	
On Deposits	20,000.00	*230,514.96	232,949.68
Farm Animal Excise	—0—	485.03	485.03
In Lieu of Taxes	3,000.00	4,708.65	1,708.65
Miscellaneous	—0—	—0—	—0—
	$2,314,528.61	$2,467,600.03	$ 153,071.42

* Interest Earned on Certificate of Deposits:

School Bond Issue	$4,800,000.00
Sewer Bond Issue	200,000.00
TOTAL	$5,000,000.00

RECAPITULATION CHERRY SHEET RECEIPT — DECEMBER 31, 1972

	Cherry Sheet Estimates	Actual Receipts	Excess (Deficiency)
1. General Fund Appropriation Reimbursement Programs:			
Veterans' Benefits G.L. Ch. 115 s6	$ 57,400.00	$ 36,315.95	$ (21,084.05)
Loss of Taxes — State Properties G.L. Ch. 58 ss 13-17B	11,168.29	11,168.29	
School Transportation G.L. Ch. 71 s 7A	95,667.58	101,645.18	5,977.60
Construction of School Projects	220,868.37	220,868.34	(.03)
School Lunch Program	34,831.59	74,751.37	39,919.78
Free Public Libraries G.L. Ch. 78 s 19A	8,143.88	8,143.88	
Vocational Education G.L. Ch. 74 s 9, Ch. 791	14,779.00	14,779.00	
Tuition and Transportation of Children G.L. Ch. 76 s 7	1,568.22	3,509.47	1,941,25
Elderly Lunch Program		478.43	478.43
2. General Fund Distribution:			
a. Machinery Basis	4,431.26	4,431.26	
b. Special Education Programs G.L. Ch. 69 and 71	38,871.00	66,807.70	27,936.70
c. School Aid G.L. Ch. 70	591,761.38	588,514.59	(3,246.79)
e. Valuation Basis, 1971 Adjustment	32,041.55	32,041.55	
4. Highway Fund Distribution 1971 and 1972	95,046.72	93,948.85	(1,097.87)
5. Local Aid Fund (Lottery) Distribution Ch. 813	69,149.77	69,570.39	420.62
	$1,275,728.61	$1,326,974.25	$ 51,245.64
Total Estimated General Fund Reimbursements	$ 444,426.93	$ 471,659.91	$ 27,232.98
Total Estimated General Fund Distributions	667,105.19	691,795.10	24,689.91
Total Estimated Agency, Highway and Local Aid Fund Distribution	164,196.49	163,519.24	(677.25)
	$1,275,728.61	$1,326,974.25	$ 51,245.64

CHERRY SHEET FIGURES

Underestimates:		
1972 L.P.V. Air Pollution	$	52.09
Authorized Overdrafts — Emergency Finance Board — Boston:		
Police Cruiser	$	3,090.00
Law — Court Appeals		1,170.00
Town Vehicle Insurance		100.00
Board of Appeals — Clerical		176.99
Police Cruiser Repairs		701.60
DPW Road Machinery		557.11
Forestry — Storm		341.50
Snow and Ice Removal		2,553.02
Total Overdrafts (Authorized)	$	8,690.22
Overestimates are as follows:		
1972 Health Insurance — State Elderly Retirement	$	161.29
1972 State Recreation Areas		6,807.03
1972 County Tax		4,943.75
Total Overestimates	$	11,912.09

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUNDS

Balance available for town use 1/1/72	$	414,330.00
1972 Transfers:		
Annual Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings		406,641.63
Available Balance carried into 1972	$	7,688.37
January 1, 1973 Balance (Carryover and 1972 Receipts)		789,003.45
Less: Uncollected Taxes, etc.		386,926.74
Available for town use (Certified)	$	402,076.71
Recommended Transfer (1973 Tax Rate)		
Balance retained for Emergency and Future Use		

OVERLAY RESERVE
(Year End — Comparison)

1/1/63 Overlay Reserve	$	13,986.69
1/1/64 Overlay Reserve		25,500.67
1/1/65 Overlay Reserve		33,582.32
1/1/66 Overlay Reserve		41,717.50
1/1/67 Overlay Reserve		29,259.77
1/1/68 Overlay Reserve		40,453.12
1/1/69 Overlay Reserve		60,280.63
1/1/70 Overlay Reserve		69,612.48
1/1/71 Overlay Reserve		45,356.14
1/1/72 Overlay Reserve		48,511.34
1/1/73 Overlay Reserce		3,511.34

Town Collector

I hereby respectfully submit the annual town report of the Town Collector's office ending December 31, 1972. I am taking the opportunity at this time to thank my fellow co-workers in all departments for their sincere help and cooperation during my first year as Town Collector. It has been my pleasure to serve the townspeople of Agawam.

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding 1-1-1973
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1972				
Real Estate	5,452,694.66			
Refunds	16,251.95	5,012,831.10	152,261.76	
Tax Titles			4,443.12	299,410.63
Previous Years	412,104.30			
Refunds	15,878.32	345,781.78	15,898.76	
Tax Titles			4,701.12	61,600.96
PERSONAL PROPERTY	305,978.75			
Refunds	134.64	290,059.69	3,177.80	12,875.90
Previous Years	24,011.04			
Refunds	29.60	10,038.68	962.71	13,039.25
MOTOR VEHICLE	515,270.85			
Refunds	4,068.63	376,385.54	54,563.31	88,390.63
Previous Years	239,379.47			
Refunds	6,688.48	152,220.29	29,018.67	64,828.99
WATER				
Rates	267,983.78			
Refunds	411.08	238,354.72	*15,762.92	
			1,090.72	13,186.50
Miscellaneous Billings	7,719.33	3,181.33	724.72	3,813.28
Water Liens				
Added to 1972 Taxes	15,762.92			
Refunds	49.20	12,006.20		
Tax Titles			133.36	3,672.56
Previous Years	2,155.19			
Refunds	10.00	1,270.38	118.14	776.67
Water Connections	7,800.00	7,800.00		
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Sewer Connections	22,275.00			
Refunds	420.00	22,275.00	420.00	
Sewer Accounts Receivable	11,130.00	2,655.00	225.00	8,250.00
Highway	2,462.00	1,774.90		687.10
School	756.00	516.00		240.00
Veteran's	40,173.01	36,315.95		3,857.06
Health	2,550.00	2,550.00		
Liens (Municipal)	744.00	744.00		
Betterment Liens				
Chapter 60, Section 12	14.00	14.00		
BETTERMENTS:				
Apportioned Sewer				
Added to 1972 Taxes	1,205.19	1,080.39		124.80
Previous Years	192.43	151.43		41.00
Apportioned Sidewalk				
Added to 1972 Taxes	15.00	15.00		
Apportioned Sewer				
Paid in Advance	692.00	692.00		
Committed Interest				
Added to 1972 Taxes	480.06	430.43		49.63
Previous Years	91.41	68.97		22.44

*Deferred Revenue

Town Clerk

The year 1972 ends and our new form of government begins!!!

I think that of all the events that occurred in 1972, this change will be the one that will most effect our lives and the future of our town. Some of the changes have already taken effect through the process of election, under our old form of government and the new.

Under the old form of government we did elect the Selectmen, Moderator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Collector and School Committee; the Board of Assessors, Board of Library Trustees, Planning Board; the Cemetery Commission, Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Commission and Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund; Agawam Housing Authority and the Tree Warden.

In our new form of government which was adopted by you on November 16, 1971, provided for a transitional period so that for a period of six months we were operating with a two faced head. On one side of this head was your Board of Selectmen looking backwards, gathering up all the loose ends and conducting the every day business of the town at the same time. While this was being done the other side of the head your newly elected Council were looking forward setting up the necessary tools in their workshop to assure a smooth transition.

There were many rough spots along the way which at times were quite discouraging but, in a change as sweeping as this we expected to have differences of opinions between the old and the new. I'm pleased to say that after most of the differences were resolved the challenges in the period of transition were indeed met and now we must strive to work together to make improvements as we go along.

Now that the transitional period is behind us you will no longer elect people to the offices I previously mentioned. Under our new charter you will elect the legislative body which consists of 15 councilmen, 2 to be elected from each of our six precincts and 3 to be elected at large, to serve concurrent terms of two years each; the school committee which consists of seven members to be elected at large concurrent terms of two years; the town manager is appointed by the legislative body and serves at their pleasure. The Town Manager will be the administrative head of the town and will be responsible for the administration of all the business of the town in addition to making appointments to the offices he deems necessary to fill, which in the past were elected to office by you the voter.

In concluding this portion of my report, it is my sincere hope and plea, that to assure the best for our town under our new form of government, we have faith and trust in each other and that together we accept the responsibility incumbent upon us to encourage active participation in not only electing people to these offices; but working together with them in resolving any problems they are confronted with. There is no question that there will be many problems; however, together as a team keeping in mind the INTEREST OF AGAWAM FIRST, there is no way we can miss in our endeavors to deliver the very best for our townspeople. There is a great deal to be done and only by working together we can to it.

The attendance record of your elected town meeting members for 1972 is

published in the last pages of this report. This has been published in each annual report in compliance with our Special Act establishing Representative Town Government by Limited Town Meeting as contained in Chapter 632, Acts of 1955. It is my intent to publish the attendance of the council members under our new form of government so that you the voter will be better informed as to the stewardship of the councilmen you elect.

I want to express my sincere thanks to Mrs. Ann O'Keefe, secretary to the DPW superintendent and Mrs. Rita Rose, Assistant Town Clerk for the time they gave unselfishly and without compensation in attending and keeping the attendance records at all our town meetings.

The following is the report on vital statistics recorded through September 30, 1972:

BIRTHS		309
DEATHS		244
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS		297
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED		293
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECORDED		963
TERMINATIONS		178
BUSINESS CERTIFICATES RECORDED AND COPIES		93
DOG LICENSES ISSUED		2033
Males	1053	
Females	250	
Spayed	730	
Kennels	19	
RECORDING FEES		$ 7,372.81
SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED		14,647.75
POLE LOCATIONS		285.50
GAS STORAGE PERMITS		1,005.00

In closing this my sixth annual report as we go from the old to the new, our goals will continue to be the best of service to you.

On behalf of my staff and myself, I want to thank all of the town departments, precinct chairmen, town meeting members and our townspeople for the fine cooperation we have received over the years and as we enter upon our new form of government, it is my sincere hope that the same warm feeling of cooperation and trust will continue.

Town Treasurer

In this year of transition it seems fitting and proper that I bring to your attention the responsibilities of your treasurer. The primary responsibility is the custody of public funds and documents. A short summation of our state law pertaining to the treasurers duties is as follows:

The Town Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all money belonging to the town, and pay over and account for the same according to the order of the town or if its authorized officers. No other person shall pay any bill of any department.

Most public money is collected from the citizens by other public officers, such as taxes by the tax collector, license fees by the town clerk, and other fees by the various departments authorized to collect fees. All such monies must be turned over at regular intervals to the town treasurer.

Your treasurer is the only officer authorized to pay out public money, however, he may only do so when the payment is authorized by someone else. In Agawam it must first be placed on a warrant (schedule of bills to be paid authorized by the department heads) by the Town Accountant than approved by the Town Manager for payment.

Your treasurer also negotiates all borrowing which is a separate distinct phase of his duties as there are many ways to borrow money while still gaining interest on the money borrowed.

In order to expedite the payment of salaries, bills, and also the billing of taxes, water bills, etc. in our office we utilize a complete data processing system.

Board of Assessors

We thought it might be interesting to record with our annual town report some interesting facts from past Assessor's records.

Even though the town was incorporated in 1855 the first Assessor's valuation list which we could find bore the date May 1, 1861. The first entry in the book was for a Richard Kellogg who was assessed for 1 dwelling house, 1 barn, 1 horse, 2 colts, 2 oxen, 7 cows, 2 yearlings and 2 swine. It also shows 80 acres of land. The value of buildings was $1,000, value of land $2,313 and value of livestock $522. He paid a tax of $24.80 for both real estate and personal property and $1.50 for poll tax. Another entry of note was Harvey H. Porter, distiller—maker of "Agawam Gin." Value of distilling house was $800. The total value of Porter's real estate was $10,450 on which he paid a tax of $62.70. His personal property tax amounted to $65.10 which included live stock, stock in trade, shares of stock and bank deposits. Land value averaged $50 per acre and the tax rate was $6.00 per thousand. Total value of the town was $712,058. Total tax was $4,917. This included taxes on 304 dwellings, 265 horses, 692 cows, 236 sheep, 13,316 acres of land and 406 polls. In 1861 the records indicate that there was already some industry in the town of Agawam. A grist mill is listed for Rufus Leonard valued at $1,200. A store for E. K. Bodurtha valued at $400. A factory owned by the Agawam Co. valued at $1,100. A grist and saw mill owned by Cushman A. Geer valued at $1,400. A mill and priveledge owned by Orsen S. Sikes valued at $1,400. A distillery and one half of a paper mill owned by Harvey Porter and the other half of the paper mill owned by Lyman Whitman. The tax list for 1861 was signed by Assessors, Charles Colton, Isaac Roberts and Josiah Johnson.

An entry in the 1862 records showed 7 volunteers in the service of the Union Army. Their families received a total of $242.47. The state reimbursed the town $235.10 of the above.

In 1863 the poll tax increased from $1.50 to $2.00 where it remained until it was abolished in 1963.

The valuation list in 1871 showed a total valuation of $940,348 with a total tax of $13,190.51 and a tax rate of $13.10 per thousand. There were 364 dwellings, 483 poll taxes. Poll tax was charged on all male inhabitants 21 years of age or over. Assessors recorded that Porter and Adams were assessed $6,490 for 18,542 gallons of gin at 35c per gallon. Luke C. Sheldon and J. W. Freeland were listed at the Assessors for that year. In 1881 the listing was for Agawam and the parish of Feeding Hills with a total valuation of $1,212,714 and a total tax of $19,368.71. The tax rate was $15.00 per thousand. In that year there was no listing as to the number of dwellings. The adult male population had increased to 590. Harvey Porter had real property valued at $26,500 plus 1 steamboat at $2,000 and money at use $18,000. Assessors for the above years were J. H. Churchill and E. Leonard 2nd.

In 1881 the listing was for Agawam and the parish of Feeding Hills, with a total valuation of $1,212,714 and a total tax of $19,368.71 with a tax rate of $15.00. In that year there was no listing as to the number of dwellings. By this year the adult male population had increased to 590. Assessors for the above year were J. H. Churchill and E. Leonard 2nd.

With a total valuation of $1,226,298 and a total tax of $17,733 for the year 1891 a decrease to 589 was found in the poll tax listing. It seems strange that in a 10 year period there should be a decrease. There were 465 dwellings listed and this was the first year that neat cattle were assessed separately. Assessors were Alvin Allen, Edwin Leonard 2nd and James Barry with Albert K. Fuller, Justice of the Peace at a witness to the signatures.

In 1900 at the turn of the century the valuation of the town had increased to $1,390,182 with a total tax of $23,112 and an increase in poll taxes to 713 and dwellings to 550. The tax rate had increased to $15.60 per thousand. This valuation list showed the town divided into three sections. Agawam, Feedings Hills district and Mittineague district. Assessors shown for 1900 were John H. Reed, Henry E. Bodurtha and James H. Barry.

By the year 1910 the total value for the town of Agawam had increased to $1,968,680 with a tax rate of $16.00 and a total tax of $33,396. Poll tax had increased to 949. R. Mather Taylor, Almon Jones and Dieudonne Bessette were the Assessors and signed the valuation book in the presence of Judson Hastings, Justice of the Peace. It is interesting to note here that Carol Taylor our newly appointed town accountant is a great granddaughter to the above mentioned R. Mather Taylor.

1920 saw the poll tax hitting well over the 1,200 mark and the town valuation increasing to $4,077,255 with total taxes of $128,861. The tax rate by this time had increased to $24.50. R. Mather Taylor was still on the Board of Assessors and had been joined by William H. Porter. Henry E. Bodurtha, Justice of the Peace witnessed the above signatures.

1930 total value $9,442,046, total tax $275,964, dwellings 1,502, poll taxes 2,017 and tax rate $28.80. Adolphus Provost, Clarence H. Granger and Paul B. Johnson were the Assessors. Paul B. Johnson who still resides in Agawam was also the architect who designed the present town administration building.

In 1940 the valuation of the town was $9,203,150 with a total tax of $303,240. The town was growing and by this year there were 1,704 dwelling houses and 2,529 males assessed for a poll tax. Adolphus Provost, Frederick A. Raison and Charles W. Hull set the tax rate for this year at $32.40.

By 1950 a total valuation of $14,089,600 produced taxes amounting to $584,-265. Dwelling houses had increased to 2,561. Tax rate for 1950 was $41.00 per thousand. Adolphus Provost, Charles W. Hull and Francis P. Cleary were the three members of the Board of Assessors at that time.

1960 shows the valuation for the town at $27,384,713 with a tax rate of $67.00 and the tax levy well over the million mark at $1,834,775.

During the year 1963 the long disputed poll tax was abolished.

1970 was the year that the town put into effect the results of the town wide revaluation bringing the total valuation to $135,744,925. With a tax rate of $33.80, $4,588,178 was realized in tax revenue. At this point in time dwellings had increased to over 5,200. Ernest Dumont, Fred A. Drew and Rudy Altobelli were the Assessors in this eventful year.

Thus having given you a few of the highlights over the past hundred years we will proceed with our annual report for 1972. The overall valuation of the town rose to $153,975,225, an increase of $6,634,800 over 1971. This increase in valuation was very instrumental in setting the tax rate at $37.40 an increase of only .40 over the previous year. Other factors which attributed to this slight increase were the increased receipts from the state on the so-called Cherry Sheet which showed a $69,150 windfall from "The Game" (state lottery), an increase in personal property valuation, the close scrutiny of the finance committee and the overall conservatism of the town meeting members at the last annual town meeting.

During the year 1972 residential housing showed a drop of 15% over 1971, however commercial and industrial construction gained 5% over the same period.

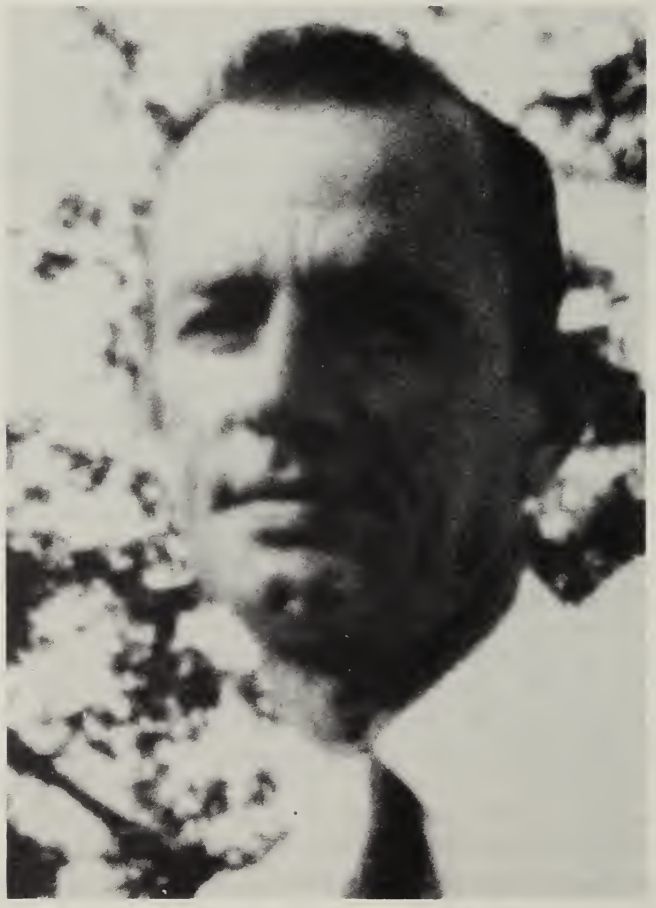
Commercial and industrial construction assessed during 1972 should have a direct bearing on the 1973 tax rate. Included below are some of the larger facilities. In addition to the present building, Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane erected an addition which will show an unfinished value for 1973 of $125,000. Rosen Realty, So. Bridge Drive $40,000. Raymond Pieczarka (Dee Air Conditioning) River Road and School St. $40,000 and Medical Rental and Specialties of Suffield St. $44,000, and six smaller buildings ranging from $3,000 to $15,000. The Corey Colonial apartments have completed 104 units as of Jan. 1, 1973 with an estimated value of $1,250,000. A condominium complex consisting of 192 units with a construction cost of $5,972,800 was started in late 1972 with only 16 units partially completed as of Jan. 1, 1973.

The following statistics show the residential and commercial real estate processed by the Assessors in 1972:

155	Single family dwellings	$3,100,100
14	Two family dwellings	350,000
2	Three family dwellings	60,000
103	Residential additions and remodeling	198,700
25	Swimming pools	50,000
8	Commercial and industrial	126,000
21	Commercial and industrial additions	255,250
192	Condominium units (none completed)	61,500

We look forward to continued growth in the town of Agawam with the new town manager, fifteen member council form of government.

In Memorium



EDWARD G. CONNOR, JR.
Water Department Foreman
January 19, 1932 to January 2, 1973

Department of Public Works

The year 1972 saw much activity in the way of sanitary sewer construction. Near completion are sections one and two of the three-part $2,700,000 Feeding Hills trunk sewer designed to serve the industrial tract and the southern and western portion of Agawam. This major sewer project developed from the town's sewer and drainage study which was finalized this year. This study will enable us to set up priorities for the proper and efficient expansion of these utilities.

Major reconstruction was performed by town forces on portions of Rowley Street, Monroe Street, Cosgrove Street and Trinity Terrace.

The 1972 annual town meeting voted the acquisition of 1.56 acres of land to the rear of our new town yard at 1347 Main Street. This property will be used to store sand and salt and supplies for our highway, sewer and water departments.

The following is a report by section for the year of 1972:

ADMINISTRATION:

The public works office staff consists of only two employees who performed all clerical work during the past year including the preparation of payrolls and bill schedules, bookkeeping and typing of letters, contract and legal documents. These employees also handle the great majority of questions and complaints received from the general public. This section is also responsible for the semi-annual preparation for billing of approximately 6,000 water accounts.

The office work load has increased in recent years to the point where we feel extra clerical help is needed. We have therefore requested funds in the 1973 budget for an additional employee in this section.

HIGHWAY SECTION:

As in the past the highway section performed its regular work of snow plowing, sanding, patching and street sweeping. Our program of spring and fall clean-ups again proved to be successful and popular among town residents.

Portions of the following streets were resurfaced: — Rowley Street; Monroe Street; Cosgrove Street; Garden Street; Winthrop Street; Edgewater Road; Trinity Terrace; South West Street and North Street Extension. Chapter 90 maintenance funds were utilized to resurface portions of Springfield Street and Maple Street. In most instances it is the policy of this department to resurface only streets which contain all underground utilities.

The installation of new street and traffic warning signs and the painting of lane and crosswalk markings is also handled by the highway section.

Bituminous concrete curbings were installed on Rowley Street; Monroe Street; Springfield Street and Garden Street in conjunction with reconstruction and resurfacing work performed on these streets.

Plans for the extension of Route 57 appeared to come to a standstill in 1972,

while the state awaited the completion of an environmental impact statement on the proposed work.

The capability of our snow removal operation was increased in 1972 with the addition of three plows bringing the total of town-owned plows to eight. We also were able to increase our fleet of sanders from three to four allowing us to cover the entire town in a more efficient manner. With the seemingly increasing number of sleet and freezing rain storms the added sander has been a great benefit. In addition to the town streets this department also clears snow and ice from all school areas.

We also wish to report that the town is participating in the topics program; a program funded by the state and federal governments to increase capacity and safety on urban roadways. The areawide plan for Agawam has been completed and work should start shortly on the project report in which the construction plans will be developed for such work as the signalization of intersections, channelization, minor street widening, sign and pavement markings.

WATER SECTION:

Water mains were installed on the following streets: North Street Ext., Stanley Place; George Street; Carmen Avenue and Southwick Street.

All water mains and house service connections were located in conjunction with the construction of the interceptor sewer from Bondi's Island to Feeding Hills Center.

The water section installed 61 water connections and 19 water renewals, repaired 30 water breaks and responded to 350 miscellaneous complaints.

In addition 210 water meters were installed in new dwellings or businesses and 104 meters were repaired, tested and put back into service.

Cooper, Rowley and Suffield Streets new signals.

This section is also responsible for the semi-annual reading of some 6000 water meters. As this system creates a seasonally large workload, we are contemplating employing full-time meter readers to spread the work-load evenly over the year. The water consumption increased at a smaller rate during 1972 than it had in previous years due to the unusually large rainfall. Still, the water billing in 1972 totaled some $245,000, an increase of about $8,000 over 1971.

A major problem facing the water section is the lack of capacity of its water distribution system in certain areas of town, particularly the southwesterly portion. Fire flows in some areas are substandard and in certain instances we have had to refuse to grant water connections because adequate water was not available to meet even the domestic demand. We are recommending that a water distribution study be made as the first step in solving this problem and are requesting funds for it in our 1973-74 budget.

This study would be similar in scope to those recently completed for sanitary sewage and storm drainage. It would enable the town to proceed with the expansion of its water distribution system in an orderly and economical manner and to develop a system capable of meeting the future needs of the town.

SEWER SECTION:

During 1972 work was begun on the first two sections of the Feeding Hills trunk sewer. The first section which runs from Suffield Street to Springfield Street is entirely financed by town funds. The second section from River Road to Suffield Street is being constructed with the aid of a 60 per cent state grant. We had hoped to receive a combined state and federal grant of 80 per cent on this project but due to a lack of federal monies this was not possible. The construction of the third portion consisting of the School Street sewage pumping station and force main to Bondi's Island was delayed to coincide with the construction of the new Springfield sewage treatment plant and with the hope that federal aid would then be available. In the meantime the existing River Road pumping station is being updated to handle the increased flows.

The completion of this trunk sewer, however, is not the end of sewer construction in Agawam, but the beginning. From this trunk line other sewers will be extended to serve the majority of the town. Our next priority and a very pressing one is the construction of Threemile Brook pumping station andforce main. We have requested funds in the 1973-74 budget for this project which is needed to relieve the Campbell Drive sewage ejector station and the River Road sewer.

Another problem area is in Feeding Hills where the leakage of ground water into the sewer system is taking up capacity needed for homes. We plan to institute a program of inspection, enforcement and repairs to control this condition. However, with the rapid growth of this additional sewers will be needed here in the near future.

In 1972 the sewer section installed 23 sewer connections, cleared 204 sewer blockages and investigated 37 miscellaneous complaints. In addition, storm drains were installed in Rowley Street; Cosgrove Street; Edgewater Road and George Street. Also manhole and catch basin castings were adjusted in conjunction with

the reconstruction and resurfacing of streets by the highway section. Finally, as 1972 was a very wet year much time was spent in the maintenance of various storm drainage systems.

SOLID WASTE:

Household rubbish is being collected on a bi-weekly basis by the Bruno brothers. They are operating under the terms of a five year contract with the town, which is currently in its fourth year. The Department of Public Works supplements this collection with the spring and autumn cleanups and the monthly collection of grass, leaves and hedge clippings during the summer. It seems that this combination of collections is providing satisfactory service to the residents of Agawam.

The weekly collection of garbage and its disposal is being conducted in a satisfactory manner by Paul D'Amato. Mr. D'Amato operates under a contract with the town to perform this service. This contract expires on December 31, 1973.

Recent revisions at the sanitary landfill on Main Street have greatly improved its appearance and accessability. The upper disposal area makes it very convenient for residents to use the facility. The landfill is also being operated under a contract with the town which expires during 1973. Our current method of solid waste disposal is under review. The state is conducting a study of the regional disposal of solid waste in the Springfield area including Agawam. This study is not yet complete but we understand that it may recommend certain sites in Agawam for a regional landfill.

SIDEWALKS:

Funds were appropriated at the 1972 Annual Town Meeting for the installation of sidewalks on Silver Street from Elm Street to Suffield Street and from Suffield

New approach to Agawam (Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge).

Street to Porter Drive. These walks were installed by the Ram Company, the low bidder on the projects. A section of walk was also installed on Springfield Street from Chapin Street to Day Street.

As in the past, this department continues to plow all sidewalks on main streets for children who walk to school.

EQUIPMENT:

The 1972 Town Meeting authorized the purchase a 2–4 yd. dump trucks; 2–6 yd. sanders and a patch roller for the highway section. A ¾-ton pickup truck for the water section and a ½-ton pickup for the sewer section were also purchased. It has been the policy of this department to replace equipment before it becomes a major maintenance problem.

ENGINEERING:

During most of 1972, the Engineering Department operated with a full-time staff of seven employees. The staff was increased to this level through the Emergency Employment Act which allowed us to hire a full-time Inspector and a Junior Rod Man. The use of a full-time Inspector greatly increased the efficiency and consistency of the supervision of utilities, roadways and sidewalks being installed in the subdivisions.

In assisting the Planning Board, this department reviewed ten subdivision plans which were finally approved by the board. Bond estimates and bond agreements were prepared to insure the proper installation of the improvements in the subdivisions. During 1972, 7419 feet of roadway, 9640 feet of sidewalks, 4490 feet of sanitary sewers, 9385 feet of water mains and 6945 feet of storm drains were installed in subdivisions.

New School Zone (Peirce School).

The Engineering Department made surveys and drafted plans for the acceptance as town streets of James Street, Kanawha Avenue, Pineview Circle, Haskel Street and Washington Avenue Extension. Also, surveys were made and plans prepared for the acquisition of land at the rear of the Department of Public Works garage at 1347 Main Street and a 60 foot R.O.W. off Silver Street to be deeded to the town by Jerry Zerra.

Plans, contracts and construction layouts were made for the Clover Hill Drive sidewalks, the Silver Street sidewalks from Elm Street to Porter Drive and the Pierce School Zone lights. Plans have been prepared for the construction in 1973 of a 16′ water main on a portion of Silver Street and the North Street Sidewalk.

The department also performed all engineering design and layout for the road reconstruction and drainage work completed by the Department of Public Works.

In closing we in the Department of Public Works would like to thank the outgoing Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting Members for the consideration they have shown us over the past years.

In Memorium

PATROLMAN PETER J. BERTERA
Agawam Police Department
March 10, 1952 — November 5, 1972

Police Department

This being our last annual town report, I wish to publicly express my fullest appreciation to all the police officers with whom I have worked. Their cooperation, loyal performance and attention to duty must be commended.

To the numerous police commissioners, our sincere thanks for their guidance, advice, cooperation, and help in making this most difficult profession a more bearable one.

To all the other town departments and committees, our appreciation for their patience and cooperation.

To all the town meeting members, our heartfelt thanks for their interest in the needs of our department.

To the citizens of our community, your involvement and attention to your Police Department has been greatly appreciated by us.

"I believe the people of Agawam, as well as others will receive better and more efficient service than they have received previously due to the fact that we are now able to have someone in the office twenty-four hours a day to answer any call and take care of any emergencies that may arise." (Quote from Chief Perley J. Hewey — Annual Report 1942 — On occasion of new police facilities in new Town Hall.)

Your Police Department has been most cognizant of the changes in our community from its occupying new police quarters, with six men in the then new Town Hall in 1942, to the present police complement of forty officers. As the town has grown, so have the services asked of this department. Police services now include vacant house checks, business building checks, twenty-four hour a day emergency medical transportation, including ambulance, and other public social services not normally related to police functions. Yet, we must realize that the full potential of growth for the town or the Police Department has not reached its peak and we must look forward to moving into a new updated and adequate Police Station in the near future.

Let us bear in mind, when you call for service, the Police Department is one of the only two departments that actually serve you, the townspeople, every hour of every day, every day of each week, each week of the full year. No one group does or could possibly serve you more.

It is a coincidence that your Town Hall opened its doors in its present location in 1942 and we have closed 1972 with the acceptance of an entirely new type of government, therefore, we are showing these two landmark years for our police report comparison.

Your Police Department like other departments in our town has been responsive to the demands of our fast growing community in the past thirty years, not only in manpower, but in the added burdens in all phases of police responsibility as shown in the comparison in our police reports for this period. The work load has increased in proportion to the explosive growth of Agawam and the surrounding communities. Comparing our reports also shows a definite change in the types of

crimes and valuations of society, such as, offenses that were crimes then are now accepted under our present permissiveness. The rights of the individual is the major concern today in comparison to the collective concern of the community as it was in the past. As our values change so do the types of crimes that are now in the majority, such as crimes against the person, robbery, assaults and the continuous increase in the crimes of Breaking, Entries, and Larcenies. Also, there is an increase in the use of Drugs which today surpasses one's expectations and is the main cause of most of our crimes against the persons and property.

It is our hope that our own personal values continue on a good solid basis and our concern for each other will remain paramount in our ways of life.

Would that my future years be as pleasant and as fulfilling as my past thirty-six years were in public service, I respectfully submit this report.

ARRESTS

	1942	1972
Robbery	0	2
Aggravated Assault	0	3
Burglary	1	14
Larceny	1	20
Larceny — Motor Vehicles	0	2
Assault and Battery	3	3
Embezzlement	0	1
Stolen Property	0	4
Vandalism	1	3
Weapons	4	0
Prostitution/Commercial Vice	4	0
Sex Offenses	8	0
Narcotics	0	7
Gambling	1	0
Offenses/Family	2	2
Driving Under Influence	16	28
Liquor — General Laws	0	19
Drunkenness	48	39
Disorderly Conduct	6	16
All Other Offenses	23	36
Suspicion	3	0
Runaway	4	0
Driving s/a Endanger	2	3
Other Moving Traffic	150	683
Total	273	889
Complaints	Not Available	4946
Violations	Not Available	1145
Recovered Stolen Property	$2,200	$168,000
Accidents	138	418
Medical Cruisers	173	397
Ambulance Transports	217	388

New School Zone Sign — Rep. Edward Connelly, Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, Principal Peirce School. Town Engineer John Savioli and Safety Officer Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski.

Safety Officer

1972 was a very busy year for us in the Towns SAFETY program. With the aid of the many citizens, civic groups, social clubs, veteran organizations and religious groups many programs were offered.

Our SCHOOL BUS PATROL, which numbers eighty-five, were treated to a tour of Westover Air Force Base and a picnic. Two members from each school attended a trip to Washington, D.C.

We had a BIKE RODEO in which a new ten speed bike and fifty prizes were given to winners.

Through the efforts of a committee of approximately five-hundred persons Agawam enjoyed a SAFE HALLOWEEN. To have a Halloween three day period, without reports of vandalism, accident and incident free is quite an achievement. To have had this two years in a row is even more to be proud of. Agawam is the only town anywhere that has been able to do this. Where does the credit for this lie? With the very special kind of people we have in Agawam. People that step forward and do what is needed to be done and children that have enough respect and faith in us to cooperate in our program. My sincere thanks to all that took part and especially my cochairman Paul Cavillo, Father James Shea, William Kushin, Lila Ciak, Mike Bracci and Robert Kostecki.

Our street light program has continued and has reached the point where streets with underground services are being surveyed. Our holdup in these areas have been the shortage of Celon poles by WMECO used on streets with undergrounds services.

Through the efforts of State Representative Mr. Edward Connelly, a SCHOOL ZONE light and system was erected on Springfield Street at Pierce School. This has been a tremendous asset to SAFETY in this area. We were fortunate enough to be one of the very few communities to receive this system from the state at no cost to the town.

Although much was done to keep our young people safe, of our five fatal accidents this year two involved young persons. One a pedestrian, one a bicyclist. Our needs in preventing this particular type of accident, are more sidewalks on

One of the many programs in SAFETY this year was a BIKE RODEO. As with so many of our programs for the good of the community, many organizations stepped forward and made this a success. Involved were the Agawam Moose Lodge, the Agawam Jaycees, the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, the Agawam Auxiliary Police and Zayres Department Store.

main streets and leading to play areas. We must have PARKING ZONES which would eliminate children and bike riders coming from behind parked cars. Most of all we must have the cooperation of the motorist around schools and playgrounds.

It would be impossible for me to name all those who I owe thanks for helping with the SAFETY program, but I sincerely do appreciate everything that has been done to make our town a SAFE one.

Being Safety Officer for the Town of Agawam is a privilege of which I am very proud. If indeed we have had any success in safety over the past years, I

CROSSING GUARDS 1972–1973

Left to right: Celia Balboni, Danahy School; Alice Champigny, Franklin School; Joyce Peck, Spare; Beverly McCullough, Peirce School; Joan Dahdah, Line School; Doris Champigny, Rowley Street; Rosalie Napoli, O'Brien's Corner; John Sears, Phelps, not in picture; Viola Sliech, Granger School and John Rafferty, Spare.

Enjoying Citizens Association for a Safe Holloween Party at the Agawam High School.

must thank some of those whose daily business is safety. The school CROSSING GUARDS who serve with much dedication. The many children, who over the years served on the BUS PATROL. The public should be aware of their value and work, it has always been outstanding. The women and men that drive our school buses. Persons that have a great responsibility and react accordingly, and last but not least Chief Grady and the men of our Police Department who always respond to our needs.

Police Station Building Committee

The Police Station Building Committee was appointed on May 17, 1971 to plan for a new police station for the Town of Agawam. Due to the rapid growth of our town, the present police station has for some time been inadequate for the expanded needs of our police department. We feel that our police force is doing an excellent job with what they have to work with and we believe that they should be provided with adequate facilities through which to function and serve the townspeople more extensively.

Much research, planning and many meetings by this committee since it inception have culminated into the best possible plans for the future of Agawam. We are looking forward to continuing our efforts in this project with the cooperation of the Town Manager and Council members.

Members of the committee are: Chairman, Anthony Saracino; Carlo Bonavita, John J. Cardone, Joseph Lovotti, James Bruno, Joseph J. DiFlumera and Lewis S. Kalesnik.

Members of VFW Post #1632 during bicycle registration time doing their part in this community program.

Fire Department

I hereby submit the report for the Agawam Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1972. This report includes the organization, apparatus, number of alarms for the year, and other pertinent information that may be of interest to you.

ORGANIZATION

At the end of this year the personnel of the department consisted of: Chief, Inspector, Drill Master, Mechanic, six Line Officers, and thirty-three Firefighters for a total of forty-three members. Four men were promoted to Lieutenant this year, they were: Russel Jenks, Douglas Kerr, William Parent and David Cesan. Gary Schneider was discharged from the Coast Guard and has returned to duty as of May 1972.

APPARATUS

1 — 1930 International	1 — 1948 Seagrave	1 — 1949 Seagrave
1 — 1946 LaFrance	1 — 1954 Ford	1 — 1966 Maxim
1 — 1967 Wagon	1 — 1969 Ladder	1 — 1970 Buick

FIRE — SCHOOL

The following men have earned credits through the Fire Science Courses at the Springfield Community College:

Robert Edmunds	Russel Jenks	David Cesan
Noel Brown	Donald Curran	Wililam Parent
Douglas Kerr	Raymond Pond	Gary Schneider
	Charles Stowers	

Donald Creamer and William Pelley attended a six-week fire training course at the Fire Training Grounds in Stowe, Massachusetts. This year our complete department has received six to eight hours training per day under our Drill Master. Such training has proven our men to be a united team when they are fighting fires.

1972 Fire Inspectors report to the Chief on alarm's the department responded to and the valuation and loss from fires over $100 dollars.

The Fire Department responded to 417 alarm's. These alarms are divided into the following categories:

Buildings	77	**Motor Vehicles**	60
Grass and Rubbish	171	**False Alarms**	12
Emergencies	57	**Needless**	40

TOTAL RUNS MADE BY EACH STATION

Station #1 – Ottawa Street ..... 188 **Station #2 – Springfield Street** 172

Station #3 – Elm Street 177

Total valuation of buildings where fires occurred	$7,917,700
Total loss on buildings and contents	211,616
Total amount of insurance collected on losses	97,272
Total valuation of motor vehicles where fires occurred	52,557
Total amount of loss on motor vehicles	5,169
Total amount of insurance collected on losses	3,045

INSPECTIONS PERFORMED FOR 1972 REQUIRING PERMITS

Oil Burners	69	**Flammable Gases**	15
L.P. Gas	9	**Flammable Liquids**	5
Gasoline Storage	7	**Gunpowder**	12
Fireworks	1	**Blasting Operations**	1
Model Rockets	3		

TOTAL PERMITS GRANTED — 122

Inspections Performed	682	**Complaints Investigated**	38
Fire Drills on School	42	**Fires requiring investigation**	78
Rest Homes	12		

I wish to thank Police Chief Grady and the men of his department for the assistance and cooperation we have received at every fire.

To town officials and members of their various departments that have been so cooperative with our department my heart felt thanks.

To the members of my department my sincere appreciation for your personal contribution in making our department a successful service to our town. I'm eternally proud of the way you perform, and I am aware of the many times you have extended yourself beyond the normal call of duty at the risk of your own life and safety.

Building Department

I hereby submit the annual report of the Town Building Department for the year 1972.

Summary for 1972:

172	Dwellings	$ 3,632,352
17	Garages	33,681
28	Businesses	6,364,350
91	Additions and Alterations	208,635
42	Miscellaneous	74,134
20	Demolish	—
370	Total Permits	$10,313,452

Major Projects were:

Rosen Realty Addition
Tad Realty (Josefs) Addition
Carmel Associates Apartment Complex
Medical Specialties Rental Addition
Dee Service Addition
Spectrum Inc. Cable TV Tower

The work load in the Building Department continues to increase. We are hoping this year that the town will employ assistance in making our inspections to insure safety for the residents of our town.

To all residents we again advise you to call the Building Department, 786-0400, for all required inspections. Our main interest is the safety of you and your family in your use of buildings in Agawam.

ELECTRICAL

During 1972 the Electrical Inspectors made 1207 inspections and processed 606 permits to do wiring. They also enforced correction where unlicensed men were doing wiring.

PLUMBING

In 1972 the Plumbing Inspectors made a total of 1194 inspections. 576 permit applications were processed: 383 for plumbing permits, 17 for sewer permits, 176 for gas permits. Our rules regulating plumbing and gas installation still originate in the State House and are handed down to town and cities for enforcement by the local authority.

Housing Authority

The Housing Authority has proposed a new elderly housing project for Agawam. Thurston Munson and Associates has been selected as architect and plans have been drawn up and submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for their review and approval. A site has been chosen by the Housing Authority and has been approved by the Department of Community Affairs, known as the Magovern Property

which is located off Wright and Haskell Streets. We are hopeful that the DCA will provide funding for this project so that building may be started during 1973.

We presently have about 100 applications for elderly housing accommodations on file. Qualifications for occupancy are: a person must be at least 65 years of age; a citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; must be of low income and in need of safe and sanitary housing. By law, we must accept an application from any legal resident of the Commonwealth, but we, like most other housing authorities, exercise our option of giving first consideration to Agawam people. Applications may be filled out at our office at 95 North Westfield Street.

There are 92 elderly units in Agawam; 40 at Country View at 95 North Westfield Street and 52 at Colonial Haven which is at 886 Main Street. During the past three vacancies were filled from application on file.

Admission limits and extended occupany limits as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

	Admission Limit	Continued Occupancy
Single Individual:	$3500.00	$4700.00
Couple:	4000.00	5200.00

(The above refers to income from all sources.)

Our veterans project, known as J. J. Brady Village, and located at 775 Springfield Street consists of 44 units. During past years major renovations to the exterior of the twelve buildings have been accomplished showing a vast improvement in the appearance of these 23-year-old buildings. We have in the past year gone out for public bid for new roofs on four of the buildings, which are to be started about April 1st. Others are expected to be done in the future, as needed. We are also concentrating our efforts on some interior repair work as needed and the replacing of many storm doors and windows.

We presently have 43 applications on file for housing accommodations in our veterans project. During the past year two vacancies were filled from applications on file. The Town of Agawam was paid $1584.00 in lieu of taxes during 1972.

Admission limits and extended occupancy limits as set by the Department of Community Affairs are as follows:

Minor Dependents	Admission Limit	Continued Occupancy
One or Less:	$6600.00	$7500.00
Two:	7100.00	8000.00
Three:	7600.00	8700.00

($300 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.)

In line with our efforts to upgrade operations, the Housing Authority is pleased with the fine report of its operation and financial management given by the office of the State Auditor.

This authority would like to express its appreciation to the Department of Public Works for its helpfulness and cooperation. Thanks to all others for their kind assistance.

Following are the financial statements for Projects 667-1 and 667-2 (Elderly) and Project 200-C (Veterans) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1972.

COUNTRY VIEW and COLONIAL HAVEN APARTMENTS
ELDERLY PROJECTS #667-C

INCOME:		
Dwelling Rent Income	$ 50,617.20	
Miscellaneous Income	2,972.58	
Commonwealth Contribution	63,342.96	
TOTAL INCOME		$116,932.74
EXPENSES:		
Administrative	$ 3,879.24	
Other Administrative Expense	2,059.41	
Accounting Services	693.60	
Utilities — Water	1,037.30	
Utilities — Electricity	23,656.07	
Personal Services, R.M.& R.	15,402.50	
Materials and Supplies, R.M.& R.	1,075.33	
Contractual Services, R.M.& R.	2,327.49	
Insurance Expense	2,671.07	
Contribution to Pension Fund	1,341.23	
Provision for Operating Reserve	4,416.00	
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	3,883.00	
Debt Service Requirements	63,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		$125,442.24
NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY		—$ 8,509.50

J. J. BRADY VILLAGE APARTMENTS
VETERANS PROJECT #200-C

INCOME:		
Dwelling Rent Income	$ 40,166.50	
Miscellaneous Income	1,915.31	
Commonwealth Contribution	15,074.50	
Reduction from Prior Surplus	1,396.14	
TOTAL INCOME		$ 58,552.45
EXPENSES:		
Administrative	$ 1,834.26	
Other Administrative Expense	946.32	
Compensation to Authority Members	849.27	
Accounting Services	326.40	
Utilities — Water	1,034.21	
Utilities — Electricity	471.17	
Utilities — Gas	9,617.93	
Personal Services, R.M.& R.	7,067.41	
Materials and Supplies, R.M.& R.	2,844.68	
Contractural Services, R.M.& R.	1,461.30	
Insurance Expense	1,206.02	
Contribution to Pension Fund	631.16	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,584.00	
Provision for Operating Reserve	3,696.00	
Debt Service Requirements	16,153.08	
TOTAL EXPENSES		$ 49,723.21
NET INCOME AFTER SUBSIDY		$ 8,829.24

Inspector Louis D. Draghetti checking measure on a milk fill machine.

Department of Weights and Measures

I herewith submit to you the annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1972

WEIGHTING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	170
Sealed	885
Not Sealed	50
Condemned	26
TOTAL	1131

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Number Correct	2536
Number Under the Stated Markings	409
Number Over the Stated Markings	278
TOTAL NUMBER TESTED	3223

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Pedler's Licenses	13
Oil Certificates	32
Marking of Food Packages	2947
Marking of Bread	140
Marking of Charcoal Bags	17
Clinical Thermometers	362
Transient Vendors	1
Scales	267
Glass Graduates	43
TOTAL	3822

INSPECTORS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed, Adjusted, Condemned	1131
Trial Weighings and Measurements	3223
Inspections	3822
TOTAL	8176

SEALING FEES COLLECTED & TURNED IN TO THE TOWN TREASURER $1022.80

Four separate weights and measures violations were brought before the Clerk of the Springfield District Court to be resolved.

Modern marketing and transportation make available to our citizens products from every part of our country even to the most perishable items. Manufacturing trends have incorporated centralized packaging to the extent that many meat and fresh vegetable products are no longer packaged at the point of retail. Therefore, more inspection is required on packages at the retail level to assure correct weight and measure. Metric conversion coupled with consumer orientated programs are starting to play a predominent role in increased services required by this department.

This department was fortunate to have had the help of Miss Annie Caron under the EEA clerical aide program for nine weeks this summer. Miss Caron helped to put the files and a backlog of paper work in order. Her work was greatly appreciated.

In November I represented the Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association at the first meeting of the Northeastern Weights and Measures Association. At this meeting I was privileged and honored to be elected as one of four vice-chairmen for this 14 State Regional Association.

In December we received a letter from George L. Johnson, Chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures requesting that I serve on the Resolutions Committee at this year's National Conference on Weights and Measures. Only a very few local Massachusetts Sealers have reached National recognition.

I attended the first technical school ever held for local sealers in Massachuetts. This school sponsored by the Massachusetts Division of Standards was conducted by Mr. Richard N. Smith, Technical Teacher for the National Bureau of Standards. Modren electronic weighing and measuring devices require much further training on such devices.

Our Annual Town Meeting passed an article that established our Consumers'

Advisory Commission. This by-law requires the Inspector of Weights and Measures be assigned as a permanent member of this commission.

Here in this last annual report for Agawam as a Township we would be remiss if we did not reflect upon our past sealers of weights and measures. Unlike many of our town departments a sealer of weights and measures was appointed every year since our town was incorporated.

In early years sealers confind their work mostly to devices used by retail businesses. However, as marketing techniques and business and industrial technology evolved, it became incumbent upon our sealers to become involved in all commercial areas of quantity determination.

Although early records here in the town hall show accounting expenses for sealers tools, we were unable to find the names of some of our early sealers. The following are my known predecessors:

James W. Moore — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1893–1896
John F. Freeland — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1896–1898
Edward K. Bodurtha — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1898–1899
Edward A. Kellogg — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1899–1901
S. Newell Smith — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1901–1908
Edwin U. Leonard — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1908–1938
Frank E. Draghetti — Sealer of Weights and Measures 1938–1956
(Father of present Sealer)

Planning Board

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman of the Agawam Planning Board would like to thank the fellow members of the Board for their dedicated and sincere effort in performing their duties as Planning Board members.

The Planning Board held forty-seven meetings during the year and processed sixty-two Form A applications and twenty Form B applications for new subdivisions.

There were two zoning by-law amendments one of which was passed by Town Meeting — Residence A-4 Elderly Housing District.

Also passed at Town Meeting was one request for Residence B zoning; one request for A-4 zoning; and one for Business A zoning. Two zone changes to Business A and one to Business B are still under consideration.

The Board is currently processing six requests for zone changes to Residence A-3 zoning for apartments.

The Planning Board has continued the policy of field trips to proposed subdivisions: We feel that the complete cooperation and exchange of information between the Planning Board, Building Inspector, Health Agent, Engineering Department and Department of Public Works has proved invaluable to better understand the problems of our town.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is continuing to experience a period of marked growth and progress. The program offered at the Senior Center by the Council on Aging is all together different in both scope and purpose from what it was just one year ago. We are in the process of realizing the goal of total community service to the elderly and have passed out of the period in which we merely operated as a social center. It is the purpose of the Council on Aging to relate to the needs of the elder community through the programs at the Senior Center. The Senior Center Staff works with the other community agencies to ensure that the Senior Citizens of Agawam can best make use of available community resources.

The increase in participation in activities sponsored by the Council on Aging (as indicated by new membership enrollment over the last six months of 1972) is traceable to the introduction of new programs and expansion of existing activities.

The Title III grant to the Council on Aging in the amount of $17,389.75 has allowed the council to provide direct social and rehabilatative services to the community outside of the confines of the Senior Center activities. The full time staff of the Council on Aging has been expended over the past year from one person, the Senior Center Director, to three with the addition of one Title III Community Aide, and one bus driver hired under the Emergency Employment Act.

The lack of adequate and appropriate transportation often contributes to the complication of health, medical, social and subsistence needs. This reasoning was the major force behind requesting Title III funds for the purchase of a mini-bus. The Title III grant was approved by the Mass. Dept. of Elder Affairs and the Council on Aging was able to purchase a Chevrolet sport van in September 1972 and thus develop a transportation service for the senior citizens of Agawam. This enables older adults to make appropriate use of services and opportunities available to them such as doctors, social security office, the senior center, grocery shopping, etc.

Outreach, Information, and Referral has become a major service at the Senior Center. Remaining hidden from the social life and knowledge of their community many older people do not know of the opportunities available to them. For these reasons it often desirable and necessary to seek out older people to make sure they know what services are available and where they can call for help. This kind of program is called Outreach, and necessarily encompasses an information and referral service. Under Outreach those who need service most are made aware of potential assistance and can be personally invited to participate in existing programs. Under the Title III grant, a Community Aide was added to the staff at the Senior Center in June of 1972. The role of the Community Aide at the present time is to visit all those Agawam residents over 65 years of age to determine the specific needs of the senior community as they exist.

Our regular activities include: ceramics class, with an attendance of 35; knitting with an attendance of 30; painting, with an attendance of 8–10; pool, with an attendance of 30; card parties, with an attendance of about 36; and bowling (at Riverside) with an attendance of 15. Our lunch programs which are given in conjunction with the school lunch program average 35 when served at the Senior

Center, and 10–15 when served at Granger School. Meals-on-Wheels, the daily delivery of a hot noon meal to the homebound, serves an average of 7 persons daily.

In addition to these regularly scheduled activities, bus trips are also planned throughout the year. Since July 1972, day trips included: 2 separate trips to Red Sox games at Fenway Park, trip to Bristol, Conn. for senior citizen day activities held there, trip and sightseeing tour including dinner at York Beach, Maine; a days tour and dinner at Sturbridge Village, and a Christmas lights and dinner trip to Hartford, Conn.

Under direction of the Health Department two Flu shot clinics and a diabetic detection test were offered at the Senior Center.

Lifeline — Telephone reassurance provides a daily telephone contact for an older person who might otherwise have no outside contact for long periods of time. This is coordinated by the Senior Center staff and manned by volunteers.

In November the senior citizens held their annual bazaar. Throughout the entire year, the classes make things for this event and they plan the whole bazaar. The event was a huge success; an indication of the quality of the finished craft products and the care that is exercised in making them. We are very proud of the fine job done by the senior citizens.

The Agawam clubs have been very responsive to the activities at the Senior Center and have hosted enjoyable and successful parties here throughout 1972. All of the parties included entertainment and refreshments and each was attended by more than 100 seniors. These include: a Valentine's Party sponsored by the Agawam VFW Post and Auxiliary #1632; an April event sponsored by the Lions Club of Agawam; a Grandparent's Day held in November by the Agawam Democratic Woman's Club, and a Christmas Party, with Santa Claus as a special guest, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

The council would like to thank all the organizations and people who have helped us during the year. Their help is essential in making our Senior Center a success.

Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners have meet periodically during the year to plan the maintenance of the town controlled cemeteries:

Federal Hill Cemetery	Cooper Street
Maple Grove Cemetery	Southwick Street
Houghton Cemetery	South Westfield Street
Training School Cemetery . . .	South Westfield Street

The mowing, trimming of grass and raking of leaves was let out to contract as has been done in the past. The fence was repaired at the Houghton Cemetery, large fallen trees in Houghton and Training School Cemeteries were removed and stones reset where needed in all cemeteries.

Board of Appeals

The year 1972 marks the 44th year the board has served the residents of Agawam. Its original formation occurred in 1928 with Mr. Harold Atwater, Mr. J. H. Clark and Mr. W. A. Duclos apparently making up the first board. A host of dedicated and well-known Agawam citizens have served with distinction on the board since then — many, for long periods of time.

The board will continue to function under our new form of town government in much the same manner it has over those many years during which time Agawam blossomed from a sleepy little farm town to the fastest growing community in western Massachusetts.

During 1972, the board had the busiest year in history with 36 public hearings held and we expect 1973 will be an equally busy year. A special word of thanks to all those town officials who have been so cooperative during the year past. All of you have helped to make our job just a little easier.

Conservation Commission

The commission reorganized for 1972 with Jeffrey Reynolds as chairman. Henry Kozloski, vice chaiman and Cynthia Wortelboer, secretary. Katherine Vergnani, Raymond Jones, George Fleming and John Farrington completed the membership.

During the year, the commission conducted 14 meetings for the regular business. Seven public hearings were conducted to act on petitions under the Hatch Act.

Several complaints were investigated, and some of them are still active. This is the result of very limited communications between the commission and the various state organizations with which we work in attempting to resolve the violations.

The most memorable point in 1972 was the passing by the state legislature of the new "Hatch Act." This law puts the responsibility for wetlands determinations and the protection of the wetlands areas directly in the hands of the local commissions. It is regrettable that we did not have this force before so that many of the existing violations of the environment may have been prevented, however, we now have a brand new law, and things will be different.

The Junior Conservation Camp program had to be recessed for 1972 because of the heavy subscription, but we do have a reservation for the 1973 season, and a young man from Agawam will be able to attend. This program was started by the Agawam Garden Club, and we wish to thank them for the active part they play in keeping it going.

The commission maintained active participation in the Hampden County Division of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions as part of our ever expanding program to better serve the citizens of Agawam in the environmental area.

Health Department

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF — 1972

Roy Benjamin, Selectman	Chairman, Board of Health
R. Francis Milici, D.V.M.	Health Agent
Robert Cagan, C.H.O.	Acting Healt Agent
James A. Doering, M.D.	Board of Health Physician
Carl W. Janovsky, M.D.	Board of Health Pediatrician
Stacia Egbert, R.N.	Senior Public Health Nurse
Claire Niemiec, R.N.	Public Health Nurse
Rita Marcus, R.N.	Public Health Nurse
Dominick Ricco	Gypsy Moth Agent
Marion M. White	Senior Clerk

Dr. R. Francis Milici resigned December 31, 1972 for health reasons after one year of outstanding performance in carrying out his responsibilities as Health Agent.

Mr. Robert Cagan, C.H.O., will serve as Acting Sanitarian until another Health Agent can be found. Mr. James Westman the Town Manager is the Acting Board of Health.

A Rabies Clinic was held on May 13, 1972. Three hundred and seventy-four (374) dogs immunized.

1972 — RESIDENT CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Diseases	1972	1971
Anterior Poliomyelitis	0	0
Chicken Pox	53	25
Dog Bite	93	67
Dysentery	0	0
Encephalitis	0	0
German Measles	11	3
Gonorrhea	10	19
Syphilis	5	0
Hepatitis	5	6
Measles	1	1
Meningitis	2	0
Mumps	2	5
Salmonella	2	3
Scarlet Fever	6	5
Streptococcal Sore Throat	31	113
Tuberculosis	0	1
Whooping Cough	0	0

1972 — PERMITS AND LICENSES — FEES COLLECTED

88	Food Service Permits	7	Hauling Rubbish
1	Milk Pasteurization Permits	5	Hauling Effluent
99	Milk Store Permits	104	Construction Works Construction Permits
6	Frozen Dessert Permits	21	Installer's Construction Works Permits
36	Oleomargarine Permits	6	Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits
2	Mobile Caterers Permits	2	Funeral Director Permits
1	Trailor Court Permit	5	Kindergarten — Day Care Centers
5	Motel Permits	670	Nurses Visit Fees
4	Permits to keep Hogs	14	Methyl Alcohol Permits
2	Hauling Garbage		

Trailer Court Fees	$2,550.00
Permits and Licenses	1,315.50
Health Nurse Fees	670.00
Rabies Clinic Fees	748.00
Total Collected	$5,283.50

Public Health Nurses

The Well Child Clinic and Bedside Nursing was first offered in Agawam in 1928. Full credit for establishing this service belongs to the Agawam Women's Club. Mrs. Preston Worden and her committee canvassed the town for funds through the Agawam Community Health Association. The first nurse was Miss Clara Williams obtained through the Springfield Visiting Nurses Association. As the yearly drive for funds was inadequate to meet the expenses, this service was taken over by the town in 1934.

Full details and history of meetings and drives for funds and names of board members are kept by Mrs. Preston Worden.

Each year the demand for better delivery of health care increases but the cost of this service is tossed around like the proverbial football. Hospitals and Nursing Homes make use of health aides working under registered nurses. We could use this service for our patients being sent home with terminal illness. Many hours are spent with families requesting this service since we are their only source of medical help.

Teaching families to care for their own is only accomplished if they are available and willing to learn. It has become an increasing and notable problem as family members are not available or unwilling to take on such responsibilities.

Since the Legislators have health delivery systems as one of their priorities, lets hope we will have some improvement in that area.

This year we continue to seek out those elderly individuals who live alone and feel alone. We persuade many of them to join the Senior Center social groups, obtain medical help and welfare assistance.

Although many infectious diseases have been brought under control major health problems still exist—notably food borne diseases, animal bites, arteriosclerotic heart disease, neurological diseases, asthma and bronchitis.

Special clinics were held in February and October for preschoolers. Two hundred sixty-four children received the Mump Vaccine. Under Child and Family Service one hundred twenty-six visits were made to premature infants and pre and post natal follow ups. One hundred and thirty-three children were immunized against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio, Small Pox and Measles as required by law before entering school.

In October, forty-three senior citizens received the Flu Vaccine. In November, a Diabetic Detection Clinic was held with twenty-three negative test.

Of the two thousand nine hundred and fifty visits under our disease control program over eighty percent were to patients over sixty-five years of age.

Meetings and seminars attended were on Tuberculosis Control, Planned Parenthood, Religion and Psychiatry and Record Revision.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our retired Health Agent Dr. Milici for his unfailing support.

SPAN Center

This report will outline the progress of SPAN Center, Agawam's total community Mental Health service. SPAN Center was established by the Agawam Citizens Organization after two years of work. The A.C.O. was granted $4,200.00 by the Department of Mental Health to establish a counseling center. On November 15, 1971 a part-time director was officially hired to organize and establish the service. On December 1, 1971 the center was opened at 1510 Main Street, Agawam.

The original facility was an old vacant T.V. repair shop which was totally repaired and furnished by the Agawam Jaycee's, Agawam Women's Club, the A.C.O., and many other concerned citizens and groups. From December 1 to February 1, 1972 the center was open only ten hours per week while selected community volunteers were trained as para-professional counselors by the Springfield Human Development Center.

Through the efforts of the director and the A.C.O. two additional grants were acquired. The Drug Abuse Foundation of the Pioneer Valley allocated $1,800.00 and the Department of Mental Health an additional $2,700.00 for the expansion of services. Both of these funding sources have rigorous funding approval procedures and careful examination of staff and services, both found the program worthy of support.

Upon receiving these funds an additional part-time staff person was hired. The center was then opened seven nights a week, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and two afternoons a week, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this time the staff made numerous speaking engagements with community organizations, students in high and junior high school, church groups, etc. Also during this time the agency became a licensed treatment facility of the Department of Mental Health, Division of Drug Rehabilitation. This is the first program of this nature to exist in Agawam.

On April 15, after the 1st high school coffee house with approximately 75 students in attendance the center was destroyed by fire. After a complete investigation by the fire department it was reported that the cause of the blaze was electrical. This was a major setback to the program. There were no services from April 16 to April 26 when office space was rented and new phones installed. Matters were further complicated since the only space to rent within our means were two small offices, group meetings were impossible. Secondly, the new location and new phone number was not listed in the phone book. From April 26 to the middle of July services were maintained at the small offices at 569 Springfield Street. During this time the community had to be re-educated as to location and phone number of the service. Also during the period the name of the agency was changed from the Agawam Community Counseling Center to SPAN Center which stands for Serving the People of Agawam Now.

During the first six months of operation, the center had only part-time staff. They were involved in developing community confidence and awareness of the services, establishing contact with high school and junior high school students, developing professional working relationships with numerous agencies in the greater Springfield area, providing individual, family and group counseling, supervising and maintaining a community "hotline" and phone information and counseling service, and speaking and meeting with school, church, and community service groups and organizations.

Beginning on June 1st the two part-time staff went on a full-time basis. Their main objectives was to locate, rent, and establish a new facility for operating the agency. On July 1, a former hardware store went up for rent in Feeding Hills Center. It was immediately rented by SPAN and the repairing and furnishing was to start all over again. Once more change of location was confusing for the public. The establishment of one facility with one name and phone number was an important new beginning for SPAN. The repairs and furnishing to this date are not complete, however, great progress has been made. The facility is adequate to meet the ever expanding services of the agency. After settling in Feeding Hills a concentrated public relations campaign was started including: newspaper ads and articles, posters, flyers, business cards, brochures, etc. This effort is continuing at present.

During the summer months, SPAN was able to utilize the help of a local high school graduate under the E.E.A. program. The now college student worked 25 hours per week as a secretary. When E.E.A. ended in August, the budget could only allow her to work ten hours per week, which she is doing at present.

From the end of July until the end of August SPAN Center was staffed by only one full-time paid person. With the resignation of the assistant director, an extensive recruitment and screening process took place in order to fill the position. In examining the entire picture, SPAN has been operating with two full-time staff and services only since September. Despite all the hardships quality service has been provided to people of Agawam. In reviewing the data from SPAN Center this historic perspective should be taken into account.

Since September the SPAN program is becoming more effective in the community. SPAN is part of a Springfield Superior Court team. This team is setting up procedures so that direct referrals from Superior, District, and Juvenile court will take place. It is the philosophy of this team that individual from a certain community should be treated in their own community and not shipped anywhere else. SPAN's director is a member of the board of directors of the Drug Abuse Foundation of Pioneer Valley, a branch of the United Way. SPAN is in the process of developing working relations with the Westfield court system in the event that Agawam residents may get involved with the law in either Southwick or Westfield. SPAN cooperates locally and regionally with programs in Western Massachusetts to bring the most complete service to the people of Agawam.

SPAN has run numerous coffee houses, films, movies, and small live concerts for the youth of Agawam. This past Halloween, SPAN cooperated with the Halloween committee by running movies for high school students on Halloween night. These social events are intended to allow students to meet counselors on an informal

basis, they also provide an alternative to drug abuse for the youth of Agawam. SPAN has spoken to more than fifteen community groups and organizations. SPAN has conducted rap sessions for high school and junior high school aged individuals. SPAN offered an Adult Drug Education program to the community. SPAN has met with hundreds of students in high school, in junior high, in youth groups, in C.C.D. classes, etc. SPAN has done extensive research into the drug abuse problem in Agawam. This was done through talking with youths, teachers, policemen, clergy, etc. and actual street work investigation. SPAN Center has provided to the community a multitude of services, not before available in Agawam. SPAN Center provides to the people a service free which would cost a great deal to receive privately. SPAN Center is attempting to save the taxpayer money by providing prevention and treatment to drug abuse which costs far less than increased insurance, increased criminal justice and jail costs, increased law enforcement costs, and such personal heartbreak and suffering. It costs far less for a drug abuser to be treated in a program with a much higher chance to improve than it is to put him in jail.

SPAN Center is a total community mental health clinic since it provides services in all personal areas: individual, marital, family, and group counseling. It provides information, literature, films, speakers, to allow the community to be better informed. It maintains a complete referral service to provide the community with whatever expert help may be necessary.

SPAN has experienced some hard times in the past year, however, the staff and organization have held together to always maintain the best interests of the community. SPAN Center has an experienced and qualified staff. The director has a Masters degree in Guidance and Psychological Services, the assistant director is completing her Masters degree in Human Relations and Community Services. The full-time staff is supplimented by a consulting Psychiatrist and a part-time secretary.

Following is a report of the data from the first year of operation. The data will give some concrete understanding of the amount of services provided and the need in the community. SPAN Center has come a long way in establishing a professional mental health service which truly serves the peoples needs.

	Phone Calls	Rap Sessions, Films, Coffee Houses, Drop-Ins, etc.	New Clients	Total Clients seen during month
December	12	3	5	5
January	6	12	0	5
February	8	38	0	5
March	15	50	12	12
April	8	109	6	6
May	15	128	4	4
June	10	110	4	4
July	26	113	6	6
August	60	278	4	(10)
September	134	502	9	(25)
October	178	229	9	(25)
November	168	194	14	30
Decmeber	174	231	9	30
TOTAL	814	1997	82	167

At the Annual Town Meeting April 3, 1905, a communication was received from Fred P. Halliday offering to give to the town for use as an office and library a building then in construction at Feeding Hills together with the tract of land upon which it was situated. This offer was accepted and the building, the Feeding Hills Library (pictured here) is still in use as the library for that section of the town.

Now, three neices of Fred Halliday and daughters of Giles Halliday, Bernice Burton, Barbara B. Swanson and Ruth M. McKenna, have given to the town a site located on North Westfield Street for a new library to serve the Feeding Hills section of the town to be known as the Giles W. Halliday Memorial Library. Thus perpetuating the generosity and concern of the Halliday family for the library need of our town.

Public Libraries

Like every other department head at annual report time, I stared off into space and wondered how I could put into words all that was accomplished within the preceding year and, like all the rest, I wondered how I could make my figures and statistics come alive and be fresh. I peered into the "clouds in my coffee," shuffled the papers often, called upon the Greek muses for inspiration, prayed a little, but, still the typewriter keys remained silent and unmoving. I have no way of knowing how long I stared at the scribbled figures on the pages scattered over my desk before I realized that in 1974 the Agawam Center Library building would be fifty years old! I began to wonder who had been its first librarian and what was library "service" like back in 1924. How had she written her annual report? The more I thought about it, the more interested I became and I proceeded to unearth the town report for that year. Opening the yellowing, brittle pages, I really felt as if I was intruding upon their privacy and quiet. After all, Carrie Kandall, Alice

Granger and Grace Dumas have long been at rest and I'm sure that they could certainly do without my "poking" through their achievements and/or failures at this late date!

I found the library report on pages 64 and 65 and I stared unbelieving at the tight, sparse summation of a year's work submitted by the librarians — who at that time were also the trustees. Had we really come that far? What will the librarian in 2024 have accomplished — and how will she (or he) feel when looking back on more than a century of library service to Agawam? And how will they condense 365 days of happy meaningful activity into a few figures and a couple of pages?

Wherever possible, I have included 1924 figures in order tha you may also see how library service has grown. Remember as you compare the figures that 1924 had not yet witnessed the golden age of radio, films and television. With all the competition, the average library has, it is a wonder that we were able to accomplish all that follows:

I. CIRCULATION:

A.

	1972	1924
Agawam Center	61,879	9,720
Feeding Hills	24,019	6,215
North Agawam	15,275	4,668
Total:	101,173*	20,603

This is the first time in Agawam's library history that circulation has gone over the 100,000 mark.

B. TEACHER'S CHARGE:

	1972	1971
Agawam Center	3,083	1,951
Feeding Hills	467	236
North Agawam	459	101
Total:	4,009	2,288

C. INTER-LIBRARY LOAN:

1. Supplementary reference: 2,451
2. Bookmobile rotation collection:

1972	58,396
1971	56,717

1,679 more books offiered to patrons than in previous year.

II. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:

A. BOOKS:

	1972	1971
1. New books purchased and cataloged	4,351	2,624
2. Recataloged older books	111	67
3. Withdrawals	795	1,500
4. Repaired and mended	1,054	1,443
5. Bound	203	104

Volumes owned: 40,094 (1924 — 9,283)

B. PERIODICALS:

In 1972 the following periodicals were added:

AMERICA	CRIMINOLOGIST
BOATING	CYCLE
CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS BULLETIN	GOLF
CITY	HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN
COINS	HOME AND GARDEN
RANGER RICK'S NATURE MAGAZINE	NATIONAL WILDLIFE
	NEW REPUBLIC

C. NEWSPAPERS:

NEW YORK TIMES (Sunday edition)	SPRINGFIELD DAILY NEWS
MANCHESTER GUARDIAN	AGAWAM ADVERTISER
CATHOLIC OBSERVER	

D. LARGE PRINT EDITIONS:

NEW YORK TIMES — gift from the Agawam Public Libraries to Senior Center
READER'S DIGEST — gift of Miss Anna Fickweiler

III. BORROWERS:

	NEW			RE-REGISTERED		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Agawam Center	474	267	741	275	108	383
Feeding Hills	143	152	295	120	99	219
North Agawam	11	73	84	44	85	129
	628	492	1,120	439	292	731

Total number of registered borrowers in the Agawam Public Libraries: 5,700
1924: Agawam Center 468, Feeding Hills 257, North Agawam 589. Total 1,314

IV. MONIES ACCRUED:

Fines:	$1,598.80
Copier:	223.80

V. PERSONNEL: 14 (Staff: 11 – Custodian: 3) (1924: 1 Librarian per library)
The library staff remains unchanged with but one addition: in September of 1972, Miss Linda Haynes, a junior at Westfield State College, joined the staff as a library aide.

VI. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

A. LIBRARY ORIENTATION:

9. Feeding Hills Community Kindergarten	20	
1. One Brownie Troop	30	(2 separate groups)
2. Springfield YMCA Nursery	40	(2 separate groups)
3. Agawam YMCA Nursery	30	(2 separate groups)
4. ABC Nursery	52	
5. Little Yankee Kindergarten	22	
6. Bambi Nursery	23	
7. Phelps School — Grade 3	20	
8. Granger School — Grade 1	60	(2 separate groups)

B. SUMMER READING CLUB:

Total registration: 90
Total book circulation: 951
70 children were taken on a conducted tour through the new Springfield Newspaper plant and the new Springfield Police Department.

C. PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR:

Spring: 238 (average 30 per session)
Fall: 170 (admission by registration only and limited to 25)

D. EXHIBITS:

April: Agawam Women's Club — Needlework and bargello.
Marion Leger and Maurice Bodah — Agawam — Ceramic tile placques depicting humorously drawn Revolutionary War soldiers; watercolors; pottery.

May: Mr. Andrew. Toussaint—Agawam—Rock and mineral collection.

June: Greenwood Park Elem. School — Longmeadow — Grade 3 — (Mrs. Ina Tober, tr.) author and illustrator drawings created by the students from books borrowed from the Center Iibrary.

July: Mrs. Claudia Harriman — Agawam — watercolors.
Mrs. Kay Chiesa — East Longmeadow — Elizabethan dolls.

Aug: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson — Feeding Hills — Brass sculpture.

Sept. Mrs. Sgorbati — Agawam — Gravestone rubbings.

Oct: Mr. Tom Vining — Agawam — Antique shaving mugs.
Miss Christina Plass — Springfield — Witchcraft display.

Nov: Mr. Frank Hess — Agawam — Antique butterplates.
Mr. John Potter — Agawam — Paintings.
Mrs. Bonnie Oppenheimer — Suffield — Prints.

E. PUBLIC LECTURES:

1. Miss Christina Plass — The Signs of the Zodiac.
2. S. A. Richard — A New Look at an old friend.
3. International Meditation Society — Transcendental Meditation.
4. Lt. Russell Jenks — You are flammable: Fire and the new fabrics.
5. Mr. William Halloran — The world of children's literature.

VII. IN ADDITION:

1. There were all the usual professional meetings attended by the director and staff.
2. There were countless "away" and "at home" meetings (visiting libraries built within the last five years and listing all the good and bad features of each) in order that the Site Committee may be as fully knowledgeable as possible as they plan the new library.
3. We celebrated National Library Week with an international cookie and coffee hour in all the libraries as well as visiting the classrooms to talk about new books.
4. In a cooperative effort, the Agawam High School library is now open to the public two nights a week. During the day it is operated as a high school library. In the evenings, it is operated by public library personnel under public library rules and regulations.
5. The staff has spent many hours taping for the blind, reading and writing letters, writing Christmas cards, directing the partially blind in the use of Talking Books equipment, attending seminars on the care and handling of the blind in public.

Though Carrie, Alice and Grace each received $75.00 a year as librarians and the entire budget for the three libraries was only $1,172.66 all of the libraries' outreach programs would certainly be foreign to them were they to stand on the threshold of their libraries tomorrow. I'm sure the crowded shelves, constantly ringing telephone, the heavy flow of patrons through the doors, the newly painted walls (in all 3 libraries), the exhibits, the story hours — all of it — would please them immensely . . . and assuredly they would agree . . . Agawam's libraries have come a long way.

Finance Committee

This being the final report of the Finance Committee, we would like to enlighten the people of Agawam, not only to the functions, and workings of this past committee, but also to some of its historical points.

In 1947 the Finance Committee came into existence with only a three man committee. As the population and the town grew so did the Finance Committee, from 3 to 9 members.

The Finance Committee has seen to it that the homeowners had a reasonable tax rate. This committee has been the watch dog of the various departments that come under their jurisdiction. It has worked long and tedious hours at budget time and also during the year while working on transfers for the various departments of the town. Inquiring into the transfers was only one of its functions. Allocating the money another duty to be handled. There have been years where the committee had spent more than 125 evenings trying to do its best to keep the tax rate stable or at least within reason.

So as to have an unbiased opinion, Mrs. Mary Manning and Mrs. Ruth E. Zucco were appointed to this committee in 1967. This was a first for Agawam. It was also a tremendous help having these women on this committee as they served as financial and recording secretaries, thereby relieving a great burden from the shoulders of the chairman. They were commended by the various chairmen for a job well done. The last meeting held in January of 1973 was to finalize the notes and financial materials which was then turned over to the Town Clerk for future use.

We wish to extend our good wishes to the new councilmen and Mr. James Westman the first manager this town has ever had, and hope for a successful and prosperous form of government.

Last Finance Committee: Officers — Rodney Blakesley, chairman; Edmund Coffey, co-chairman; Ruth E. Zucco, recording secretary; Mary Manning, financial secretary. Committeemen — Norman McMahon, Francis Colli, Daniel Manning, Julian Waniewski and John Mikszewski.

Parks, Playground & Recreation Commission

During the past year the Parks and Recreation Department has continued in its overall growth, both in its programs and facilities.

With the availability of additional help through the Federal Program (E.E.A.) and the (N.Y.C.) the department was able to expand park facilities at Shea's Field and Borgatti Park.

The development of Borgatti Park has been started. This past fall a new softball diamond has been built and will be in use. Construction of a baseball diamond has started.

The lack of girls programs is still a big issue. Although we have established a successful baton program, there still is a need for more. With the opening of the new school early in 1973, we hope to end some of this problem.

During this past year our maintenance section has become a self sufficient department. During the past year much needed equipment was purchased including a dump truck, a new hammer mower, to enable us to do our own work instead of contracting outside help, or waiting for other departments to help out after their own work was done.

In keeping with the development of the department and oil heating system was placed in the Shea's Field Maintenance Building to make it a year round work area. Storage of all equipment will be placed in the old D.P.W. complex behind the Town Hall.

The opening of a new playground at the Agawam High School brought the total to 10 playgrounds with full supervision and full summer programs. An average 2,535 children per week participated in the program. Arts and crafts which has always been the most popular program, set another record during the summer of 1972. The department returned approximately $1,000 to the E & D Fund. Many mothers attended this program with their children.

Bus trips were again offered to Look Park, Patriots practice sessions and swimming trips to Congamond. Again this year bus loads of children attended a Boston Red Sox game, of which the Recreation Department paid ½ and the child paid ½. One hundred and twenty children plus supervisors attended this trip.

The third annual field days was held at Shea's Field. Close to 500 children attended. Ribbons and special prizes were awarded to all winners and runner ups.

During the summer of 1973 the department is planning a carnival and parade with floats, as an annual event.

All programs indicated an increase during 1972. Seven to ten instruction basketball averaged close to 300 children weekly. 10–12 operated with a 6 team league; 13–15 basketball with 8 teams. 16–18 showed the biggest increase with 10 teams. This league had applications from more teams, but had to be turned away, because there was a lack of gym time.

The Adult League is now established at 23 years and over, playing every Sunday afternoon at the high school starting at 1 p.m. with 8 teams. All players must live or work in Agawam.

During this past summer the 13–15 league operated with 8 strong teams. One team of boys ages 14–16 was placed in the Surburban League competing against other towns.

The Adult Slo-Pitch League which is a self run league but uses town diamonds expanded to 13 teams, and also held its second Slo-Pitch Tournament, which was an 18 team double elimination.

Two girls softball leagues operated this past summer, 10–13 and 13–15. This is the second year of operation. Plans to expand these leagues are now under way.

Along with the trends of expansion, tennis has continued to grow. Tournaments for both youths and adults were held. All tennis courts have lights for night play. We have gone to aluminum tennis nets to try and stop vandalism on the regular nets. With the growth of tennis new courts are needed in the Borgatti Park area.

Again, this past summer, Pam Jones organized and operated a 7 week preschool playground program with 35 children attending. She was assisted by the playground supervisors hired through the Neighborhood Youth Program.

Operated weekly, the Adult Volleyball for men has been a very popular program. Along with this trend, the Physical Ed Exercise and volleyball program for

women has greatly increased. Both organizations have requested that these programs be changed to the new school, so that they can expand to a swimmastics program in the swimming pool.

The Harmon A. Smith 10–13 Football League, in its 3rd year of operation was a complete success. Many close games were played during the season. Capping the season was the playoff games, one of which had to be replayed because of a tie game called because of darkness. The Steelers won the final game over a team sponsored by the West Side–Agawam Elks 6–0 in the last 2 minutes of the game.

This year a new team was placed in the 7 and 8th grade Surburban League. This team played all area towns, and will continue in 1973.

Two town soccer teams played in the Springfield Parks League. These teams were directed by David Smith.

Ice hockey has continued its large growth. 15 teams represent the Agawam Hockey Association and Recreation Department. Teams have been established on all age levels.

This year an instructional program for boys 6–8 has been started. All teams are entered in the Greater Springfield Hockey League, 112 teams represent this organization.

This past year has been a complete success. New programs have been established, old programs have been expanded or improved. The few facilities that the town has are being used to their capacity.

The main goal in 1973, improved female participation and increased recreational facilities and park areas.

Personnel Board

As we turn the page to a new chapter of Agawam History, the Personnel Board is bowing from the scene.

During 1972, the board held 10 scheduled meetings, reviewed 71 annual step increases and processed and acted upon 17 reclassifications.

Over the years, the Personnel Board has served as the sounding board for all departments to keep our town employees abreast of the cost of living.

The many hours of meetings and dedicated research by all board members, past and present, has given the employees of Agawam comparability with surrounding communities.

I would like at this time, on behalf of the Personnel Board, to thank Mr. Anthony Nacewicz our Personnel Director and Marjorie Pelley our Secretary for their outstanding service over the years and to wish our new Town Council and Town Manager every success.

Agawam Youth Commission

The primary focus of the Agawam Youth Commission during 1972 was on the junior high school age group.

Major renovations were begun on the Agawam Teen Center located on Suffield Street culuminating with the painting of the exterior in August.

Mr. Robert Horacek a part time employee under the EEA Program was hired in the spring and has instituted programs and acted as counselor for teen center members.

The Youth Commission proposed and the Town Meeting Members approved funds providing for safe bus transportation to and from the Teen Center. The Youth Commission also sponsored an article calling for a Community Center Study Committee.

The teen center members sponsored many fund raising events during the year including car washes, cake sales to help finance beach trips and parties which were held. The teen center members are to be particularly congratulated for a dance run by teenagers which raised $150.00 contributed to the March of Dimes during October.

As the Teen Center approaches its third year of operation it should be noted that many teenagers who had been on the borderline of trouble have been given responsibility and positions of leadership in Teen Center operations and have responded very favorably in becoming positive assets to the community.

Consumer Advisory Commission

The newly created Agawam Consumers Advisory Commission held its first meeting on May 17, 1972 in the Town Hall. This commission was created with the purpose of protecting the consumer by handling town residents' consumer complaints and directing them to appropriate agencies for action. The commission serves as an advisory body and is not of an arbitrary or regulatory nature.

The commission is composed of five members and includes in its representation the Inspector of Weights and Measures and the Health Agent.

Since the inception of the commission, members have received and processed many consumer complaints from town residents. Some examples of complaints include driveway recoating services, faulty workmanship, incorrect or illegal billing, damaged or defective merchandise, dangerous products, deceptive or misrepresented guarantees, and deceptive packaging. These complaints are usually taken care of when brought to the attention of those to whom the complaint is directed. In other instances it has been necessary to advise the consumer to take the complaint to the appropriate agency or to the Attorney General.

Sidewalk and Safety Committee

Since its organization in 1960, the Sidewalk Committee (expanded in 1968, to the Sidewalk and Safety Committee) has been very active as well as productive. From the beginning, building sidewalks for the safety of the towns pedestrians along with holding the costs of school transportation down was the goal. Although the Town Meeting Members did not always grant everything we requested, progress was still made.

Later, when the committee became involved in the general aspects of safety, many long standing hazards were investigated and corrected. At the monthly meetings of the committees many small, but serious to those involved, problems were discussed and corrected. The Sidewalk and Safety Committee has truly been a "sounding board" for our citizens in matters of safety. The committee, wishes to thank all of those who in some way helped us attain the goals that we have tried to achieve.

In 1972, sidewalks were built on Silver Street, South Street, Springfield Street and permission from Town Meeting Members was given for approximately one-half mile of sidewalk on North Street. Many complaints were handled and disposed of.

The dedication of this committee can be reflected in the members that have served it for so many years. Harold Walker, still an active member was on the original committee and has served since. Chairman Anthony Saracino and Arthur Sausville are both ten year members of the committee. Other committee members are Janice Phillips, secretary; Julian Wanieski, Vernon Stork and Omen Stevens.

Right to left: Harold Walker, Vice Chairman Vernon Stork, Janice Phillips, Secretary; Anthony Saracino, Chairman; and Arthur Sausville.

Veterans' Services

The Veterans' Service Department service continues to increase in the Western Hampden District. This includes the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland.

With the additional veterans from the Vietnam War and the advancing age of veterans of previous wars, they use the Veterans' Service Office more for many reasons. In the year 1972, this office has processed many pension claims for veterans, dependents and widows of veterans. We have also, processed forms for G.I. Schooling, Bonus applications, Financial Assistance, Medical Assistance at the Soldiers Home and Veterans Administration Hospitals.

During the year 1972, the many changes in Veterans Administration Benefits to veterans and their dependents has kept the office busy up-dating our records and informative service. There has been several thousand inquiries to this office as a result of these changes.

The agent also has to go to the homes of veterans and dependents that are not able to get to the office in Agawam.

We look forward in 1973, to serving the Western Hampden District. We would appreciate any veteran or dependent that is in need of our services, to call Mr. John McCarthy at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, Extension 36 or 37 for an appointment. If you are unable to get to the office in the Town Hall we will make arrangements to visit you.

Veterans' Memorial Committee

1972 was an outstanding year for the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Committee. Once again the Town of Agawam had one of the largest parades honoring those men who served their country in the past wars and conflicts. The success of these activities was a result of community cooperation with the Service Organizations, W.W. I Barracks, V.F.W., D.A.V. and American Legion.

Walt Trabold of W.W. I Barracks once again performed an outstanding job of corresponding secretary to the committee.

Agawam Baptist Church was host for our Memorial Day Service and St. John's Catholic Church was host to the veterans commemorating Veterans' Day in November.

Our School Essay and Poster Contest sponsored by the Memorial Committee was expanded and we look forward to even more enthusiasm for the coming year with this contest.

Civil Defense

The program of maintenance and repair of all the two-way radio equipment in the C.D. network has been substantially completed, under the able direction of Albert M. Jackson, Communications Officer. Periodic tests and drills are conducted to ascertain proper functioning of the radio units, and to develop personnel skills under simulated emergency conditions.

In recent years, the emphasis in training has been on matters related to natural disasters and civil disorders. Frequent meetings are held under state auspices with the Red Cross, National Guard, and other neighboring community agencies to gain familiarity with available resources and to expedite employment of these facilities when and where needed. Our radiological monitoring and training equipment and apparatus is under the capable direction and custody of James Loomis, Jr., Principal at Granger School.

Action has been initiated, in conjunction with Supervisor of Public Buildings Conte for replacement of the antiquated emergency power plant in the basement of the Town Hall. A modern self-starting unit with automatic changeover is deemed essential for maintaining Fire, Police, and DPW two-way radio communication in cases of power blackouts, temporary power shortages, or power-line failures caused by winter storms.

Work is proceeding to replace one small warning siren damaged in a recent hit-run accident. At the conclusion of this final action it is expected that routine testing of the system will be resumed, in accordance with MCDA guidelines.

Tree Warden

This annual report of the Forestry Department of 1972 marks the 20th year I have been your elected Tree Warden.

I have seen many great changes in our town in the past two decades. What were open spaces now are houses and streets. How fortunate we were to be situated west of Springfield, with the old slogan — "Go West," people came from Springfield and vicinity and went west to Agawam. How our community did grow! Along with its problems. Homes mean peoples and streets meant trees to be planted. All this has contributed to the making of our town a city.

This year we planted trees on old and new streets. Even though we had no hurricanes we were plagued with several ice storms which damaged several trees. Inch worms last June raised havoc with some of our trees. But all this is in the past, we are now ready to face the future. With the transition of town to city, I feel any decisions affecting the trees and public safety of the people will be for the best interest of our city.

Trustees for County Cooperative Extension Service

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth — Chapter 128 — the Trustees For County Cooperative Extension Service are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

A total expense of $75.48 was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used for only residents of the town.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1972 Appropriation	$125.00
Total Expenditures in 1972	$ 75.48
Recommended Appropriation for 18 Months	$ 75.00

January–June 1973	July–December 1973	January–June 1974
$25.00	$25.00	$25.00

Whiting Street Fund

In the year 1875, the sum of $4,000 was bequested to the Town of Agawam, by Mr. Whiting Street of Northampton, Massachusetts, to be used for the worthy poor. This sum was accepted by this town at the Annual Town Meeting on April 4, 1881, with the following By-Laws: 1. The town treasurer of the Town of Agawam or his successor in that office, and two other persons, who shall be legal voters in said town, and who shall be chosen by ballot at the annual town meeting in each year hereafter, neither of which shall hold any other town office at the time of his election, or during his continuation in the office of trustee, shall constitute the Board of Trustees; who shall be known and designated the Trustees of the Income, of the Whiting Street Fund. And in case of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, the treasurer of the town shall give notice of the same to the Selectmen, at the next regular meeting of the board, who shall proceed to appoint some suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy. 2. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the Town of Agawam to receive, and safely keep all of the income which may be paid to him by the trustees named in the will of the said Whiting Street deceased, and to pay over the same by the order of the persons who shall be associated with him as trustees aforesaid, strictly complying with all of the stipulations in the said will,

so far as they relate to the Town of Agawam. 3. The aforesaid trustees shall annually prepare a full and concise report of all receipts and disbursements of the income from the said fund, in time for its publication with the reports of the other town officers. 4. And when the sum bequested to the Town of Agawam shall become due, the trustees aforesaid shall receipt for, and receive the same in the name of the said town, and at th next annual town meeting they shall report the fact to the town for instructions as to a permanent investment.

On July 30, 1881 it was voted to accept the bequest and it was agreed to keep the principal sum good forever and to spend only the income from same annually for the purpose mentioned in the will.

In this year of 1972, two applicants were given aid as temporary help in a time of need.

Dog Officer

It has been the policy of this office to concentrate on removing the unlicensed dog, or true stray, from the streets. In every instance, the owner of a licensed dog is shown every consideration in the prompt return of his dog. Remember, all licenses are renewable in April and dogs must be leashed year-round.

If it is your intention to keep a dog, all well and good. Keep him home, take care of him, and enjoy him. Do not inflict your dog upon your neighborhood.

Your attention is directed to the dog leash by-law in effect in the Town of Agawam. This by-law requires that a dog be confined to the owner's property except when restrained for walking by a six (6) foot leash. Violation of this by-law may lead to court action, fine, or loss of your dog.

786	**Complaints**
370	**Dogs picked up**
2,383	**Days confined**
188	**Dogs put to sleep**
182	**Dogs released to owners**
63	**Licenses issued**
$ 925.00	**Paid for dogs picked up**
$4,766.00	**Paid days confined**
$ 376.00	**Paid for disposed dogs**
$ 500.00	**Paid to process list of unlicensed dogs**
$ 98.60	**Postage**
$ 796.00	**Fines paid to Town**
$4,200.00	**Reimbursed to the Town from County, Form DL 9**

Board of Registrars

The year just concluded was exceptionally busy to say the least. With a total of six elections, five planned and one as a result of an action at the annual town meeting which went to the ballot by petition for the voters to vote on. With each of these elections we had to hold evening registrations in addition to six Saturdays from 12 noon to 10 in the evening.

The process of conducting elections and voter registration should become an area of great concern to all of the taxpayers on all levels; local, state and national. Legislation which has been enacted in the last two years has not only added to the costs but has taken many safeguards away in the area of conducting true elections and voter registrations.

I can only call to your attention and remind you of what some legislation enacted in the area of Public Welfare had done to our nation as a while. They have enacted legislation which has taken pride away from people to the point where it is so easy to get aid through welfare and in many instances it becomes more lucrative to "sponge" then it is to work and get your fair share for your labors. To qualify this so that no one will be offended I must say there are people who are deserving of aid through our welfare set up, with these we have no quarrel, they have our blessing and hope that they can live on what little aid they receive. But, there are those who simply don't have any business being on the welfare rolls but choose to let their pride be taken away and become lazy and let George pay the bills.

So to in the area of elections and registrations there is Legislation proposed and more in the planning stages to make it so easy that one doesn't even have to appear in person to acquire the right to vote. There are people who are less fortunate than others either because of a physical disability or even in the case of persons serving in the armed forces. I say for these people allowances have been made and rightfully so. From experience I can say that every city or town clerk and boards of registration have always extended the courtesy of making arrangements for persons who because of physical disability are unable to appear in person and have expressed their desire to become voters have always accommodated them. This is accomplished with a phone call to any city or town clerk and we will make arrangements for their registration.

We have always taken a great deal of pride in assisting the sick or physically disabled and will continue to do so. However, I feel that we should not stand by after each election and listen to the "HOG-WASH" the politicians feed the public that the reason there was a poor voter turnout because the process of registration of voter requirements are too difficult. We don't think that the taxpayer should have to shoulder any more costs in our election and registration process. We feel that our registration process has been the fairest and least troublesome and even now is second to none. To make it any easier as some of our politicians would like to do, would be an outright degrading of our election process.

We would hope that our legislators would direct their energies in areas where our nation would benefit as a whole rather than tearing apart a SACRED HERITAGE which we have inherited through the toils and blood of our nations founders.

If these politicians or office holders regardless of what they are honestly or through plain stupidity or even lack of backbone feel that allowing registration by mail is going to improve the voter turnout, it's time they stepped aside by retiring to the pasture or better yet join some of the people they placed on welfare by making it so nice and easy; give up your pride and join the club.

I say with registration regulations as they are now and with all of the city and town halls open all day long and even with provisions for special evening sessions for people who desire to become voters we have gone as far as we should. If a person doesn't take advantage of these allowances, I personally don't think he or she deserves or has earned the right to vote.

If the legislators on both the State and Federal level continue to act in the irresponsible manner which they have made quite evident in enacting legislation to further liberalize existing voting and election laws without first checking into what it involves, we will end up with costs and no policing tools that would make welfare look like a poor man's allowance.

In addition to the evening and Saturday registration sessions which are announced in the newspapers, any resident citizen can register at the Town Clerk's office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The following is our total of registered voters broken down by party.

Unenrolled	**5,359**
Democrat	**5,484**
Republican	**1,673**
TOTAL	**12,516**

In closing this report the Board of Registrars would like to extend the following service to any resident who desires to become a voter but is unable to get to the Town Hall or any of our precinct sessions because of physical disability, please call the Town Clerk's office and arrangements will be made so that you can become a voter.

Town Meeting Members

PRECINCT 1

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Alvigini, H.	x	x		x	x	x	x				x	x	
Balboni, W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Beltrandi, J.													
Bertera, P.	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x
Borgatti, R.	x		x	x		x	x			x		x	x
Cebrelli, R. A.	x		x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Colli, F.						x	x	x	x	x		x	x
DeForge, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
DePalma, N.	x	x		x	x			x		x			
Donatini, A.	x	x	x	x	x				x	x			
Fessler, H., Jr.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fontana, A., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x			x		x			
Grasso, C.	x		x				x	x	x		x		
Kane, J. P.									x	x	x	x	x
Letellier, W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Loncto, G.	x	x	x			x	x	x					
Lovotti, L. J.		x						x			x		
Luccardi, G.													
Lucia, R.											x		
McCave, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Montagna, M.					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nardi, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
O'Leary, F.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
Pisano, J.							x		x				
Provo, S. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Regnier, J. A.	x	x	x		x	x							
Saracino, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Saracino, R.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x					
Swanson, E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Vergnani, K.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

PRECINCT 2

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Bedard, M. A.	x	x		x					x				
Benjamin, R. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Brantley, C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x
Buoniconti, F.			x			x	x	x	x				
Burns, J. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Burton, B.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Charest, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x	x
Chmielewski, S.	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
Connor, E. M.													
Dahdah, J. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DeForge, W., Jr.	x	x											
DiDonato, E.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Draghetti, G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drewnowski, B., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
George, M. R.	x	x	x						x	x		x	x
Hall, C. W.	x			x				x				x	x
Karakla, F. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Kerr, A. W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kerr, W. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Liptak, G. S.			x			x			x	x		x	x
Liptak, J. H., Jr.			x						x	x	x	x	x
Loomis, J. H., Jr.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rising, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
Rising, L. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x
Rising, L., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Solitario, F. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Snyder, B. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Snyder, V. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Taylor, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x
Waniewski, J. C.	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x		

PRECINCT 3

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Bava, J. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		
Bonavita, C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Borgatti, E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Capponcelli, D.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x					
Cirillo, A.			x					x	x		x	x	x
D'Amato, P. J.	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
D'Amato, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DiDonato, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drew, M. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Ferrari, J. J.			x				x	x				x	x
Giordano, P.													
Gonet, W. T.													
Kunasek, D. G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Liquori, A.			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Malone, A. A.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Malone, B. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mastroianni, L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
McMahon, N. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Montagna, J. B.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x					
Nacewicz, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		
Nacewicz, L. W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nicora, C., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Provost, R. E.													
Russo, L. J.								x		x			
Shaughnessy, J., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Scibelli, S.				x					x	x	x	x	x
Skolnick, B.	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Skolnick, D.	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Sullivan, R. M.	x	x	x	x				x					
Russo, T.	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x	x

PRECINCT 4

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Adams, P. J., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Affleck, G.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x			
Brusig, W. J.													
Campbell, J.	x	x	x								x		
Cardone, J. J.	x	x				x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Charest, D. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Clark, J.										x	x	x	x
Dacey, F.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Diefenderfer, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x
Draghetti, L. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Edwards, A. S.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Elasmar, J. J.	x	x		x	x								
Farrington, J. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Filiault, R. L.		x	x		x								
Gallano, D. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Gallerani, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Gallerani, J. E.	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Johnson, L., III	x	x		x	x			x					
Johnson, R. W.	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x			
LaFleur, I. R.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
McGowan, H. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x
McLaughlin, J., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Moore, R. G.	x		x	x	x		x		x				
O'Keefe, James A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pease, J. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Progulske, T., Jr.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Schilling, R.	x		x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
Theroux, R. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Watson, R., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Zerra, J. L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

PRECINCT 5

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Andrews, L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Bickford, G.	x	x	x	x	x	x							
Bouley, E. A.	x	x	x	x	x								
Brindle, R.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x				
Cascio, T. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Christopher, A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Coffey, E. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
DeForge, P., Jr.													
DellaGiustina, M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Doolittle, D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Doering, R. G.	x	x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x
George, D., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Grenier, E. T.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Ingalls, A. E.	x	x	x	x	x			x					
Juliano, J., Sr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			
Laudato, J.				x	x		x	x					
Lawson, H. W.	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x		
LeClerc, W., Jr.												x	x
Matoon, D. H.			x	x		x				x			
Melanson, D. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Orr, R., Jr.	x	x		x	x	x							
Owens, P. T.	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x				
Peterson, P.			x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Query, P. G.		x	x		x	x	x	x					

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Richards, E.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Stebbins, A., Jr.													
Teahan, J. M.	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x			
Walker, H. E.	x	x			x		x	x	x				
Wallace, L. R.	x	x	x	x	x								
Fuller, J. D.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

PRECINCT 6

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Anderson, R. F.	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x
Atwater, R. C.													
Burnett, H. J.	x	x		x	x			x					
Cavanaugh, C., Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		
Charest, R.													
Chriscola, J. J.				x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Cowles, W. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Diduk, P.				x	x	x	x	x					
Dowd, B. J.													
Fenton, J. C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
Fieldstad, L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fieldstad, P. M.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kitrosser, Steven	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Lovotti, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
MaGovern, J. N.		x	x	x	x					x		x	x
Meunier, M. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Notman, B. P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
O'Connor, F. W.											x		
Paleologopoulos, P.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Phillips, J. N.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Pilkington, E.	x	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x
Pryce, R. A.	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x		
Raiche, P.	x	x		x	x	x						x	x
Reynolds, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x
Sausville, A. E.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
St. John, W.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Thompson, J.													
Wilson, N. H.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x
Keogh, H. S.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cimma, Q. A.	x	x		x	x			x					
Minet, H., Jr.									x	x		x	x

MEMBERS AT LARGE

	3-11 A.M.	3-11 P.M.	3-13 P.M.	3-18 A.M.	3-18 P.M.	3-22 P.M.	3-23 P.M.	3-27 P.M.	8-5 Sp.	8-10 P.M.	8-17 P.M.	9-7 A.M.	9-7 P.M.
Drew, F.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mikszewski, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
Shea, J. J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Calabrese, C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Locke, F. R.	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x
Faucette, J.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Connelly, E. W.	x	x	x	x	x								
Caba, E. A.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Agawam Public School

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6, 1972 to June 20, 1973

1972

September	6	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	9	Monday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
October	13	Friday	Schools closed — Teachers' Convention Day
October	23	Monday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
November	22	Wednesday	Schools closed — Noon, November 24th
	23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Vacation
	24	Friday	
December	22	Friday	Schools closed — Christmas Vacation

1973

January	2	Monday	Schools reopen
February	19–23		Schools closed — Midwinter Vacation
February	28	Monday	Schools reopen
April	16–20		Schools closed — Spring Vacation
April	23	Monday	Schools reopen
May	28	Monday	Memorial Day
June	20	Wednesday	Schools close — Summer Vacation

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Robert M. Gardner
Telephone 786-5363
Address: 107 Silver Lake Drive

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.
Telephone 734-8045
Appointments should be arranged in advance

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

James V. Bruno, Jr.
Telephone 569-6145
Address: 383 Tannery Road, Southwick

BUSINESS MANAGER

James H. Coon, Jr.
Telephone 781-5138
Address: 110 Corey Arms, Agawam

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 a. m. — 2:00 p. m.

Junior High School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Robinson Park School and Faolin M. Peirce School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Benjamin J. Phelps School and Katherine G. Danahy School
Clifford M. Granger School and James Clark School
9:00 a. m. — 3:00 p. m.

School Committee

January 1, 1972 – June 30, 1972
Frank R. Lockes, Chairman
Mrs. Roberta G. Doering, Vice-Chairman
Jerry R. Sibilia, Secretary
Richard F. Borgatti
Joseph L. Pisano
Mrs. Venetta L. Snyder
Arthur Zavarella

*School Committee assuming office in July 1972 for eighteen month term
July 1, 1972 – December 31, 1973
Frank R. Lockes, Chairman
Mrs. Roberta G. Doering, Vice-Chairman
Richard F. Borgatti, Secretary
Walter A. Balboni
Donald J. Charest
Thomas J. Ennis
Mrs. Venetta L. Snyder

Committee will designate new officers on June 30, 1973 — chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.

*1972 was an unusual year for Agawam in that two school committees held office, each for one-half of the year. The new Town Charter required that an entirely new school committee be elected to serve from July 1, 1972 until December 31, 1973. Thereafter, an entirely new school committee must be elected for each two year interval beginning January 1, 1974.

Enrollment Growth

Home and apartment construction activity in Agawam during the past year has resulted in a larger than normal increase in enrollment. Total enrollment increased by 93 pupils to 4938. Although the increase is reflected at every age level, grades 1 through 12, Phelps and Granger elementary schools experienced greater growth than other elementary units. Present construction activity in Agawam indicates that the enrollment growth will continue. The beginning of kindergartens, as required by state law in September 1973, will bring an estimated 420 additional students on a half-day basis to our elementary schools.

The school committee and administration have made two presentations to the Hampden County Commissioners in an effort to obtain land for future school needs from the Hampden Country Training School site in Feeding Hills at no cost to the Town of Agawam.

Personnel — Appointments and Retirements

Mr. James H. Coon, Jr., was appointed to the position of Director of Business Services effective February 1, 1972 to replace Mr. Richard Dudek who had left

earlier to assume a post in private industry. Mr. Coon, a resident of Agawam, brings to Agawam many years of managerial and business experience with the New England Telephone in the Springfield and Boston area. In April 1972, Mr. Paul A. Tatro, then principal of the Agawam High School, was appointed principal of the new junior high school under construction in Feeding Hills. Mr. Tatro has considerable experience in junior high administration with Springfield schools in addition to his service as principal at the high school in Agawam. Mr. David Theodorowicz, a resident of Agawam and assistant principal at the senior high since 1962, was appointed principal in May to replace Mr. Tatro. In September 1972, Mr. David K. Bates, a resident of Westfield and science teacher for the past fifteen years at the junior high school, was promoted to the position of assistant principal at the senior high school.

During the calendar year 1972 four teachers with long and distinguished service in Agawam schools retired. They are Henry Baker, junior high school guidance — 33 years of service; Marjorie Potter, junior high school math — 17 years of service; Margaret Cunningham, elementary music — 17 years of service; and Dorothy Holmes, high school librarian — 17 years of service.

New Junior High School

The new junior high school in Feeding Hills is scheduled for partial occupancy by the 9th grade in January 1973 and full occupancy (8th and 9th grades) in September 1973. The school committee designated the new building in Feeding Hills as the Agawam Junior High School. The present junior high school on Main Street was re-named the Agawam Middle School (for grades 6 and 7). Staff from the present 8th and 9th grades in the present secondary schools made ready for the transfer. New teaching staff were added to the junior high school to provide for an improved program, which the new building makes possible, in industrial arts, home economics, art, music and physical education.

How the New Junior High Affects Programs in Other Schools

Planning is now completed for moving the 6th grade to the middle school on Main Street (old junior high). The program for grades 6 and 7 was reviewed with principal Mr. Charles L. Kistner. A partial secondary program for the 6th grade will use the home economics, shop, guidance, physical education and other facilities not normally available in an elementary school. At the elementary schools, kindergarten staffing and programs were planned by the principals. At the senior high school badly needed space for home economics, art, shop, library, computer and other subjects will be available following the departure of the 9th grade to the new school. Plans were made, in conjunction with the building committee, to provide space in the new junior high school for the school committee and the superintendent's office. The move scheduled for February 1973 will provide needed space for administration where space is available. Space needs for the 6th and 7th grades in the middle school required that the central administrative offices be moved before September 1973.

Other Program Changes for 1972

Mr. Darcy Davis, Jr. was promoted to director of the K–12 music program. A summer music program was reinstituted for elementary grades at no cost to the town. The athletic program was expanded to include wrestling, girls' ski team, girls' swimming, freshman soccer and an extensive intramural program at the middle and junior high schools for 1973. An enrichment program for elementary reading in the summer is planned for 1973. Also, plans have been made to offer secondary enrichment subjects on Saturday mornings during the school year. A pilot project in Danahy school, conducted in the fall of 1972 in cooperation with the 21″ Classroom Channel 57, proved successful and a minimal number of black and white television sets were provided for each school to allow for the bringing of educational television to every elementary classroom sometime during the day. Beginning in September of 1972 eight teacher aides were hired to assist elementary classroom teachers especially in large classes in the elementary grades. All of the aides employed have considerable college training or are certified classroom teachers.

Financial Aid from Other Sources

Several new programs were begun in 1972 using state and federal funding. A program for reading and learning disabled students using Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds in the amount of $61,519 began in September of 1972. Five additional teaching staff were provided: an elementary guidance counselor, three elementary reading teachers and an elementary teacher for learning disabilities. In-service training for teachers in the area of learning disabilities and pupil diagnostic services have been made available through American International College using Title I funds. Instruction for four Agawam pupils with visual handicaps has been provided in cooperation with West Springfield, Westfield, and Southwick, using Title VI monies under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. A distributive education program for which approval was obtained in November 1972 will begin in January of 1973 for some thirty to forty students at the senior high school level, thus extending the work program opportunities in commercial subjects. A special-purpose grant for library materials from Elementary and Secondary Education Act monies was obtained for high school special class amounting to $1000. The 21″ classroom elementary education television project mentioned above was brought to Agawam on a trial basis through state funding. The state will reimburse Agawam for one-half of the project in the future. Also, regular Title II, Elementary and Secondary Education Act monies for library resources in the amount of $6701.48 were made available. $1935.40 was approved under Title III, National Defense Education Act for a new physics program at Agawam High School.

In the spring of 1972 the school committee and administration worked with the building committee, the selectmen and Representative Connelly in an effort to obtain additional state funding for the new junior high school under a recently passed state law allowing increased funding for designated poverty areas. Unfortunately the effort was not successful because of the deadline specified in the law. However, any new construction in the Town of Agawam for schools is currently eligible for increased state aid under the new law.

Cooperative Endeavors — Community and Other School Systems

During 1972 a group purchasing effort in cooperative with eight other school districts called Pioneer Valley Public School Business Cooperative was initiated. Substantial savings (approximately $8000) were realized in the purchase of supply items on a joint basis during 1972.

Project Pioneer, a cooperative planning project with other school systems in the lower Pioneer Valley came to fruition in late 1972 for five of the participating schools (Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Springfield and East Longmeadow). The Agawam schools are benefiting from teacher in-service training funded by Federal Title III, Elementary and Secondary Education Act monies for the coming year. The federal monies (approximately $20,000 for Agawam) are paying about 90% of the workshop costs.

This fall the Agawam High School library was opened during the evenings to coincide with the Adult Education program. The senior high school library facility is open to any citizen of the Town of Agawam.

Joint usage of computer equipment, programming and personnel for the town and schools, has become a reality in 1972. We are working towards a major improvement of these services and increased computer instruction during 1973.

The school committee and administration have worked with the town safety officer and bus contractor to review all bus routes and pick-up stations for improved safety of pupils. Monthly meetings were initiated by the school administration to review bus safety and close coordination is maintained with the Town Sidewalk Committee. As a result of the cooperation some of the bus routes have been changed and bus stop monitors have been added on a trial basis for 1972 with very encouraging results.

The Agawam School Committee and school personnel jointly cooperated with community organizations for the second annual safe Halloween observances. The schools were held open for all the children in the town and organized parties were held by students, school and townspeople. Police, community and schools report the happy result was a minimal amount of damage and a safe Halloween.

Recognition of Service — James Clark and Charles Palmer Davis

The school committee designated the South Elementary School as the James Clark School in November 1972. The honor was bestowed on Mr. James Clark in recognition of his long years of service to Agawam and his particular interest and dedication in obtaining a school of such advanced design on the South Street site.

In May, American Education Publications, Division of Zerox Company, presented the school committee with a framed picture and first edition of "Current Events," which was originated in 1902 by a former member and chairman of the Agawam School Committee, Mr. Charles Palmer Davis. The weekly was the first school newspaper to attain wide circulation in the United States.

Effect of The New Town Charter

The town charter affects the school committee in three specific ways: the election of school committee members and their term, the maintenance of the schools and the school nurse-health services. School committee members, under the new town charter, will serve two year terms in contrast to the previous three year term on a staggered basis which usually assured that a majority of the committee had held office the previous year. The first such two-year election occurred as specified by the town charter on July 1, 1972. A new election will be held for the entire school committee beginning service for the two year interval commencing January 1, 1974.

Building and grounds maintenance and nurse-health services in each of the schools will now be the responsibility of the town manager, who presently is working with the school committee and administration to assure the effective continuance of both services.

Special Education Programs

A major undertaking in the past year was re-evaluation of students with educational or physical handicaps within the school system. State procedures require that an evaluation be made of each student and that a specific educational program be formulated. This includes all students who were formerly classified as mentally retarded or learning disabled. A greater amount of state aid (50% basis) will be awarded to offset the increased expenditures mandated by the state program.

Impact of Budget

As required by the state, the budget for the coming school year must be planned for an eighteen month interval instead of the normal twelve months. In spite of the increases due to the mandated kindergarten for approximately 420 pupils and for the new junior high school, the increase for 1973 has been held to a minimum 15% of the 1972 budget. Without the new programs the increase would have been 8% of the previous year's budget. The new budget must allow for anticipated increase in pupil enrollment, as well as negotiated wage and salary increases and for possible continuing price increases. State-aid entitlement under Chapter 70 increased for Agawam in 1972 to $631,997.

Student Participation with School Committee, Administration and Community

The Open Campus Program began in the spring of 1972 for seniors and was continued in the fall of 1972 for the new class of seniors at the high school. Students may elect to take mini-courses during school or to participate in work or other community activity. Senior high school teachers have graciously given time to counsel the students involved in the program and to help evaluate the program which has proven highly successful. Agawam's program is believed to be one of the most successful in the state according to the State Department of Education. The Open Campus Program is a result of a new student, faculty, administrative and school committee contact — the Faculty-Student Advisory Council at the senior high school which carefully evolved the program.

New legislation in 1972 requires that school committees meet on a bi-monthly basis with student representatives from the senior high school. Meetings have been held with students by the school committee and the resulting exchange of information has been helpful.

The school committee designated Mr. Richard F. Borgatti, a committee member, to chair an adhoc committee on beautification of the schools. Mr. Borgatti has provided vigorous leadership in working with students, faculty and grounds crew to improve the outside appearance of many schools with planting of shrubbery and flowers.

As can be seen from the above report the past year has been an unusually active one for a new administration. The superintendent wishes to note that the excellent support received from the teaching staff, administration and school committee have been key factors in the continuing of excellent programs begun in past years, as well as the successful initiation of new programs.

Financial Statement

December 31, 1972

EXPENDITURES

School Committee	$ 9,183
Superintendent's Office	102,392
Supervision	42,080
Principals	234,626
Teaching	2,283,426
Textbooks	33,483
Library	38,011
Audio-Visual	26,690
Regular Guidance	68,754
Psycological Services	24,026
Attendance	8,941
Health Services	38,279
Pupil Transportation	177,769
Food Services	8,617
Athletics	17,693
Other School Activities	7,259
Custodial Services	218,053
Heating of Buildings	62,640
Utility Services	56,740
Maintenance of Grounds	38,560
Maintenance of Buildings	85,812
Maintenance of Equipment	12,878
Insurance Program	47,938
Civic Activities	10,937
Acquisition and Improvement of Sites	2,236
Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings	13,762
Acquisition of Equipment	70,194
Replacement of Equipment	19,505
Programs with Other Districts	25,827
Out of State Travel	746
	$3,787,057

REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1971	1972
Chapter 70 (General School Aid)	$373,782	$573,117
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	80,999	91,226
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	3,670	1,568
Special Education	38,107	38,711
Adult Education	1,812	1,707
Tuition from Individuals and Other Towns	270	315
Receipts from Rental of School Property	2,639	1,665
Receipts from Industrial Arts	963	902
State Aided Vocational Education (Chapter 74, amended)	8,811	17,542
Federal Funds, Title III, Title II	8,654	7,636
Miscellaneous Receipts	322	1,832
	$520,029	$736,221
School Building Assistance	$ 99,918	$218,152
School Lunch Program	$ 82,846	$ 93,713

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972

PARTICIPATION:	Phelps	Granger	Peirce	Danahy	Clark	Robinson	Jr. High	Sr. High	Total
Enrollment	656	639	217	231	451	496	826	1513	4938
Averaged served DAILY to Children:									
Type A Lunches with Milk	411	449	153	198	344	385	598	968	3506
Milk Only	115	145	40	33	76	86	92	94	681

Total Type A Lunches served during the year: 603,116
Total Needy Lunches served during the year: 48,729

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1971	$ 33,443.28
Lunchroom Receipts	196,724.63
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	85,228.89
Total Cash Available	$315,396.80
Less Disbursements	287,620.81
Balance December 31, 1972	$ 27,775.99
U.S.D.A. Claims Due	18,321.30
	$ 46,097.29
Outstanding Bills	16,366.71
Balance	$29,730.58

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment as of December 31, 1972

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sp.	Tr.	Total
Benjamin J. Phelps	95	92	90	95	99	89							5		565
Katherine G. Danahy	37	43	48	53	50										231
Robinson Park	51	52	60	65	110	157							1		496
Faolin M. Peirce	65	50	47	55											217
Clifford M. Granger	136	106	106	95	97	99									639
James Clark	75	70	77	74	79	76									451
TOTAL ELEMENTARY															2599
Junior High							421	405							826
High School									421	381	363	333	15		1513
TOTAL	459	413	428	437	435	421	421	405	421	381	363	333	21		4938

High School Principal

David Theodorowicz

In April 1972 Paul Tatro, principal of Agawam High School, was appointed principal of the new junior high school. Shortly thereafter, the School Committee elected me to replace him at the senior high school. I accepted the appointment with enthusiasm but also with the realization of the responsibility that the position entails.

The backbone of a good school is directly proportionate to the efficiency and dedication of its staff. Therefore, it is my feeling that the degree of success that we at Agawam have achieved is due mainly to the effectiveness of our teaching staff and other professional personnel. It should be pointed out that the success that we have achieved has been accomplished in the face of many adversities, most of them directly attributable to the overcrowding in our school. The high school with its addition was constructed to accommodate 1200 pupils. For the past several years, we have exceeded this size in ever-increasing numbers. Currently, we have 1519 students enrolled.

Some of the problem areas directly associated with our large enrollment are as follows: Study halls — with as many as 300 students in some cases — housed in our noisy cafeteria, crowded hallways during passing time, large classes in excess of the prescribed 25 students, 22 "floating teachers" who move about from classroom to classroom when rooms are available. We should realize a tremendous improvement in our instructional facilities when the freshman class of 422 students is transferred to the new junior high school. Many of the aforementioned hardships will be eliminated.

We achnowledge that due to our crowded conditions we had been somewhat hampered in upgrading our academic curriculum. However, in the physical education area, the School Committee has introduced additional areas with the hope of attracting more student participation. This has been particularly true in the girls' physical education department where skiing, softball and intramural volleyball have been added.

The most noteworthy Agawam sports accomplishment of the past year involved baseball. Coach Gerald Smith won his second Valley Wheel championship in his four years as head coach. Both he and his varsity players are to be commended.

During the past school year, the School Committee approved and implemented an Open Campus program for seniors. I feel that this program has been very effective and necessary. Times have changed, and our students of today are more sophisticated and mobile than were their predecessors. There are a multitude of academic distractions, and it is incumbent upon school administrators to be as innovative as possible in making education "come alive" and meaningful. In most cases students — at the 12th grade level especially — respond favorably when they are dealt with as adults. They should experience both the planning of leisure time and the worthwhile use of released time. Of most importance is their recognition of the concept that in our society, privileges are extended only with certain responsibilities.

Student participation in the Open Campus program has been most gratifying. A majority of seniors have availed themselves of educational alternatives such as mini-courses and other learning experiences offered wthin the community. It is our hope that the program will meet with even greater acceptance in the years to come.

The Agawam High School Band, under the direction of Darcy Davis, Jr., was honored at the North American Marching Band Championship held in Philadelphia in October. Agawam was recognized as being one of the outstanding units and was awarded third prize.

Two hundred and five students representing 63% of the Class of 1972 were accepted at institutions of higher learning. They received awards and scholarships of approximately $58,000. Their name follow:

Faolin M. Peirce Scholarship — $100 each

Twyla Marie Andros	Donna Marie Keefe	Michael Joseph Rheault
Edward Joseph Ardizoni	Francis Alan Labun	Michael Carlo Spinelli
Edmund Albert Bouley	Cheryl Anne Loomis	Nancy Jean Starzyk
Gail Marie Branchini	Kathleen Mary Marquis	Diane Lynn Walz
Donald C. Capponcelli, Jr.	Nancy Karen Meucci	Randall George White
Richard DeBiasio	Therese J. Murray	Marcia Louise Williamson
Nancy J. Femmel	Gary Stephen Randall	Lee Michael Zanotti
Sandra Jean Haidemenos		

Benjamin J. Phelps Scholarship — $100 each

Twyla Marie Andros	Susan Helen Colson	Beverly Ann Orr
Daniel Robert Caroleo	Nancy J. DeCosmo	Susan Marie Plourde
Anne Marie Caron	Linda Jean Howe	Karen Evelyn Porter
Anne Elizabeth Cesan	Daryl Glenn Mallory	Caron A. Wiggins
Ann Marie Cirillo		

Scott Hardy Memorial Scholarship — $125 each

Twyla Marie Andros	Edmund Albert Bouley	Lee Michael Zanotti

Agawam Basketball Parents Scholarship — $79 each

Kenneth Paul Blackwood	Leonard A. Johnson, IV	James Michael Roberts
John Robert Davies	Ted Matthew Oliver	Steven Jon Roberts
Edward George Faits	Carl Francis Roberts	Peter Joseph Shibley

Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship

Donald C. Capponcelli, Jr.	$100	Richard DeBiasio	$150
Susan Mary Ghedi	$100	Bella Ann Frasco	$150
Nancy Ann Palazzi	$100		

Agawam Soccer Moms Scholarship — $50 each

Steven Norbert Adamski	Daryl Glenn Mallory	Scott Evans Skolnick
Paul Conrad Heppner	Steven Jon Roberts	Donald James Wheeler
Francis Alan Labun		

Agawam UNICO Scholarship — $200 each

Anthony Francis Calvanese, Jr.	Laurine Ann Greguoli
Richard DeBiasio	Jeanne Theresa Scherpa
Nancy J. Cosmo	Antonia Teresa Veronesi

Paul J. D'Amato,Jr. Scholarship (Agawam UNICO) — $200 ..... Donald C. Capponcelli, Jr.
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Gridiron Moms Scholarship — $100 each

Donald C. Capponcelli, Jr.	Thomas Scott Locke	Peter Joseph Shibley
Paul Domenic DiDonato	Frank Raymond Santinello	Randall George White
George Anthony Hill, II		

Polish American Club and Women's Auxiliary of Agawam Scholarship

Joseph James Benerakis	$100	Frances Victoria Bigda	$150
Linda Jean Howe	$100	Susan Helen Colson	$150
Barbara Ann Swiderski	$100	Susan Marie Plourde	$150

Agawam Lioness Club Scholarship — $100 each

Diana Jean Edmunds — Linda Jean Howe — Anne Marie Ryan

Agawam High School Business Club Scholarship — $75 each

Deborah Fydenkevez — Diana Mary Janick — Carol Simon Karolinski

Agawam Lions Club Scholarship — $200 each

Daryl Glenn Mallory — Beverly Ann Orr

Agawam V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 1632 Scholarship — $75 each

David Wayne Boldebook — Kathleen Mary Marquis

Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship

Nina Marie Graziano $100 — Linda Jean Howe $100 — Marcia Ruth Reed $50

Agawam High School Faculty Club Scholarships — $100 each

Alfred Paul Davis — Robert C. Gagnon

Anderson-Morin Memorial Scholarship — $100 each

Donald C. Capponcelli, Jr. — Steven Jon Roberts

Wilson-Thompson Post 185 American Legion Scholarship — $250 each

Susan Helen Colson — Daryl Glenn Mallory

Agawam Education Association Scholarship — $200 each

Cynthia Ellen Ekstedt — Kathleen Ann Viens

Gail A. Arnold Memorial Scholarship — $100 each

Susan Mary Ghedi — Kathleen Ann Viens

Florence Coffin Memorial Scholarship — $200 each

Linda Louise Bailey — Joseph James Benerakis

Trestle Board Club of Agawam Scholarship — $150 each

Martha Jane Heyl — Scott Evans Skolnick

Agawam Junior High Magazine Scholarships — $100 each

Dale H. Cote — Diana Lynn Cross

Agawam High School Chorale Scholarship — $50 each

Gregory A. Balsewicz — Anne Marie Caron — Pamela Ann Conkey

Community Grange No. 382 Scholarship — $100 each

Mark Joseph Brodeur — Pauline Hope Sosnowich

Sylvia R. Chapin Memorial Scholarship — $125 ..... Paula Jean Theodorowicz
Agawam Jaycees Scholarship — $250 ..... Susan Marie Plourde
Feeding Hills Women's Club Scholarship — $100 ..... Jeanne Theresa Scherpa
Agawam Women's Club Scholarship — $150 ..... Elizabeth Louise Nunn
Agawam High School Personality Club Scholarship — $100 ..... Theresa J. Murray
Raymond E. Harris Scholarship — $260 ..... Karen Evelyn Porter
T. O. Parzich Scholarship — $100 ..... Frances Victoria Bigda
Edward A. Daigneau Memorial Scholarship — $100 ..... Karen Eveyln Porter
Squire's Scholarship — $100 ..... Bella Ann Frasco
Agawam High School Student Council Scholarship — $100 ..... Michael Louis Ramah
Capt. Edward J. Connelly, Jr. Memorial Scholarship — $300 ..... Laurine Ann Greguoli
Agawam–West Springfield Kiwanis Scholarship — $200 ..... Anne Marie Caron
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 185 Scholarship — $100 ..... Robert C. Gagnon
Future Nurses Club Scholarship — $25 each ..... Debra Lynn Hale, Nina Marie Graziano

Agawam Hockey Parents Scholarship — $100 each

Michael Joseph Moreau	William Paul Sapelli
William Paul Morrissey	Donald James Wheeler

P. Joseph Curran Scholarship — $250 ..... Anne Marie Ryan
Western Bank & Trust Co. Scholarship — $100 ..... Diane Marie Simmons

Each year awards are given to those students who have achieved beyond average in the various subject areas. Their names follow:

Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award ..... Cynthia Ellen Ekstedt
Civitan Award — Engraved Dictionary — Name on Plaque ..... Michael Louis Ramah
Proficiency in Political Science—
Agawam Democratic Women's Club — $25 ..... Michael Louis Ramah
Third National Bank (Agawam Branch)
Highest Commercial Award — $25 ..... Cheryl Ann Rising
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — $25 ..... Shelley Lynn Titcomb
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prizes — $50 each
Dianna Lorraine Ploof Shelley Lynn Titcomb
Ruth N. Hoye Award for Nursing —
Agawam Women's Club — $15 ..... Elizabeth Ann Harrington
Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary — Excellence in English — $25 ..... Donna Marie DeCosmo
Agawam Business Department — Bookkeeping Income Tax Awards —
$15 each ..... Mitzi Carol Fay, Margaret Ann Lango
Agawam Business Department — Best Stenographic Student — $15 ..... Deborah Jo Grassa
Student Librarian Award — For Outstanding Service to the School
on the Library Staff for More Than One Year — $15 each

Anne Marie Carey	Eveyln Mary Karakla	Diane Marie Simmons
Martha Jane Heyl	Charlotte Ann Serra	Mitchell Robert Soffen

John Philip Sousa Award — Medal and Pin ..... Nancy Jean Starzyk
Elks Award — West Springfield–Agawam Elks —
$50 Bond ..... Cynthia Ellen Ekstedt, Michael Louis Ramah
Donated by Agawam Food Mart — Highest Academic Averages for Boys and Girls —
$50 each ..... Frances Victoria Bigda, Scott Evans Skolnick
Reader's Digest Valedictorian Award ..... Frances Victoria Bigda

Membership in the Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society is attained through an 85% average or better. The names of those members of the Class of 1972 who have achieved this honor follow:

Twyla Marie Andros	Robert C. Gagnon	Susan Marie Plourde
Margaret Elizabeh Avezzie	Susan Mary Ghedi	Jerald Michael Pomerantz
Carole Marie Babyok	Frank David Grabinski	Karen Evelyn Porter
Linda Louise Bailey	Deborah Jo Grassa	Michael Louis Ramah
Frances Victoria Bigda	Nina Marie Graziano	JoAnn Gail Raynor
Edmund Albert Bouley	Sandra Jean Haidemenos	Anne Marie Ryan
Anne Marie Carey	Linda Jean Howe	Jeanne Theresa Scherpa
Barbara Ann Cariani	Diana Mary Janik	Jeanette Louise Sheffer
Daniel Robert Caroleo	Donna Marie Keefe	Peter Joseph Shibley
Anne Marie Caron	Joanne M. Leger	Diane Marie Simmons
Karen Sue Carruthers	Daryl Glenn Mallory	Scott Evans Skolnick
Anne Elizabeth Cesan	Donna-Marie Marchand	Barbara Ann Swiderski
Susan Helen Colson	Michael Joseph Moreau	Shelley Lynn Titcomb
Diana Lynn Cross	Beverly Ann Orr	Antonia Teresa Veronesi
Alfred Paul Davis	Nancy Ann Palazzi	Kathleen Ann Viens
Diana Jean Edmunds	John Anthony Pavelesyk, Jr.	Caron A. Wiggins
Cynthia Ellen Ekstedt	Karen Ann Phillips	Candace Marie Wililams
Nancy Jane Femmel	Dianna Lorraine Ploof	Laura Dale Wylie

Finally, I would like to extend a word of appreciation to my two assistant principals David Bates and John Morrissey. They have been hard-working and extremely conscientious. Many of the successes that we have had are due to their insight and awareness of the needs of high school students.

Junior High School Principal

Charles L. Kistner, Principal

A review of the past school year indicates that our students are still interested in service to people and interested in participating in worthwhile extra-curricular activities. I must commend those members of the faculty who volunteered their services as advisors to our various after school organizations. Our students are fortunate to have teachers who are interested in the following clubs: Drama, Stamp, Bit and Bridle, Camera, Chess, Junior Red Cross, Science-Ecology, Ski, Student Patrol, Student Newspaper, and Yearbook.

Mrs. Evelyn Riley, a teacher in this school for twenty-five years, retired as did Miss Marjorie Potter who for many years taught seventh grade mathematics. Both of these fine teachers will be missed by students and faculty and we wish them many happy years of enjoyment in their retirement. Mr. David Bates, senior science teacher in the junior high school for several years, was appointed assistant principal at the high school.

Several changes in our program of studies were instituted this school year. All eighth grade students are now taking health and most an additional period of physical education. All seventh grade students are being exposed to both French and Spanish and for the first time all of them will have a course in developmental reading.

The most important physical change in our school was the painting of the auditorium and the replacement of the stage curtain and cyclorama. Under the direction of Mr. Darcy Davis, Jr., our band participated in the following events: concert at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, tour of the elementary schools, played at half-time at one of the high school football games, Spring Musicals, and the Memorial Day Assembly and Parade.

Adult Education

Richard H. Barry, Director

In 1972 six hundred and twenty-five people enrolled in the adult education program in Agawam. This was the twenty-first year of operation and one of the most successful. Once again classes were held four nights a week at the old Junior High School and three nights at the Agawam High School.

The largest single class of graduates completed their requirements for a high school diploma in the year 1972. Twenty-four diplomas were awarded to Agawam Evening High School graduates, one student finished the requirements for a Southwick High diploma and one student did work required for a regular Agawam High diploma. For these people it was the culmination of years of schooling and the self-satisfaction that goes with this success cannot be measured. This year our graduates were from Agawam, Westfield, Granville, Southwick, West Springfield, and Springfield.

In 1972 twelve courses were offered in the academic field. five in the commercial subjects and nineteen classes in the creative and practical arts were well attended.

For the first time during the Adult Education program, the Agawam High School library has been opened two nights a week and staffed by a librarian from the Agawam Public Library. This has been very helpful to the evening school students and it is hoped that this facility will be available every year in the future.

For the past three years the Adult Education program has sponsored the United States Power Squadron. In 1972 there were one hundred twenty students in Elementary Piloting, forty-five in Seamanship, twenty-two in Advanced Piloting and twelve in Junior Navigation. The Town of Agawam does not pay for instruction in any of these classes which are held in the old Junior High School.

This past year all sewing machines in the old Junior High were repaired and put in good working order and a duplicating machine was purchased for the Agawam High School office out of Adult Education funds. As stated previously, anything paid for by the Adult Education program does not come from appropriations so the local tax rate is not affected.

The Adult Education program is operated under the supervision of a director, seventeen teachers and a secretary. The teachers are qualified, state certified and must improve themselves professionally each year.

The School Committee is to be commended for its continued interest in encouraging a growing Adult Education program. Mr. Paul Tatro and Mr. David Theodorowicz, both Principals of Agawam High in 1972 and Mr. Charles Kistner, Principal of the Junior High, have been most cooperative in providing unlimited use of the faciilties they head. Dr. Robert Gardner, the Superintendent of Schools, has been very helpful in an advisory capacity many times.

Agawam has provided its citizens an excellent program for twenty-one years and the townspeople are to be congratulated for their continued support of this program.

School Health

Mrs. Ethel Kane, Head Nurse

School nursing in a community involves many services. There is the responsibility to the school staff of interpretation and participation. There is the need for assistance in all areas. Guidance, physical, emotional and social aspects are all part of a good health program.

As in the past the Lions Club furnished glasses to several students and the Lioness Club conducted the Amblyopia testing for incoming first grade students. The T.B. Tine Test was conducted on first and ninth grade students. D.P.T., Measles and Polio vaccine was administered to students not having met the required state immunizations. Nurses assisted in pre-school registration for incoming first

grade students. A follow-up on vision, hearing and health problems was completed; a dental program with materials given by Crest Toothpaste Co., was conducted; arrangements were made for children to attend summer camp.

The Future Nurses Club was very active all year with Mrs. Hallaman, R.N., the high school nurse, as director. They visited Burbank Hospital, Western Massachusetts Hospital, attended a career conference, helped at the Amblyopia testing, and donated two $50.00 scholarships to two girls entering the field of nursing.

All school nurses attended seminars on drug abuse; the in-service class on learning disabilities; and participated in CORE meetings concerning SPED children. All nurses met routinely with administration, guidance, attendance officer, Westfield Child Guidance Clinic, special service teachers and parents. Also, helped with the Clearing House at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

3850 students were given first aid treatment by school nurses and 6812 students with other health problems were administered to during the school year.

New School Building Committee

This report is submitted by the New School Building Committee: Mr. Arthur Zavarella, chairman; Mrs. Venetta Snyder, vice-chairman; Mr. Alfred H. Christopher, treasurer; Mr. Richard S. Brindle, Mr. Joseph Ferrari, Mr. Larry O. Hovland, Mr. Frank J. Meyer, Jr., Mr. Raymond A. Saracino, Mr. Joseph Pisano and Mr. Walter Balboni.

Supplementing the 1971 report, we are pleased to record that construction of the new junior high school has proceeded generally on schedule, and at year's end was substantially completed. Some delays of critical items such as doors to the main entrances were occasioned by record floods at the factories in Pennsylvania. Also contributing to some delays were problems of seepage in the newly-installed main sewer line. Accordingly, the committee voted a three-month extension of the completion date to March 1973. This extension, however, does not prevent usage of the school by the ninth-graders, and arrangements are proceeding for partial occupancy on January 29, 1973.

Inasmuch as the original $4,850,000 was not sufficient to cover the cost of certain desirable, approved facilities, an arrangement was made with the new Town Manager for inclusion of approximately $125,000 in his budget on public buildings for presentation to the new Town Council in February. Any such auxiliary improvements, including parking lot and road to Shoemaker Lane, tennis courts and electric lighting, and chain-link fence along the east boundary would be subject to a 43.3% contribution by the state, if approved by the council at this time.

In particular, it is desired to acknowledge and express gratitude for the continuing support of the existing Board of Selectmen, and the excellent cooperation and assistance provided by the School Committee freely through its Chairman Frank R. Rocke, and Superintendent Dr. Robert M. Gardner and staff.

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Feeding Hills Congregational Church 21 North Westfield Street	Rev. Bruce H. Bowen Tel. 786-4012
First Baptist Church of Agawam 760 Main Street	Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart Tel. 734-5477
Agawam United Methodist Church 459 Mill Street	Rev. Peter Moonie Tel. 786-4174
Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1100 Springfield Street	Rev. Joseph Flood, C.S.S. Tel. 786-3445
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Cor. of Maple and Bridge Streets	Rev. James Flanagan, C.S.S., Pastor Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S. Tel. 786-3724
St. David Episcopal Church 522 Springfield Street	Rev. John Tyler Tel. 737-9804
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 823 Main Street	Rev. Walter Joyce Tel. 733-1869
St. Theresa Catholic Church 74 Bridge Street	Rev. Paul J. Bernard Tel. 786-4451
Valley Community Church 152 South Westfield Street	Rev. Frank E. Dunn Tel. 786-3057
Gospel Baptist Church 20 South Westfield Street	Rev. Harold E. Small Tel. 734-0559

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT . .	786-4767 or 786-4768
AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT	786-1241
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . . .	786-0400

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